

WEATHER SYNOPSIS
An ocean storm is crossing Northern British Columbia and southern parts may extend to Vancouver Island. Milder weather is spreading into the Prairie provinces.

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ALCOHOL CLAIMS TOLL OF NUMEROUS VICTIMS

PROPOSE CONFERENCE OF PROHIBITIONISTS TO DISCUSS ORGANIZING

Provincial Leader Announces Preliminary Canvass of Plans for Calling of Convention to Consider Advisability of Forming Political Party of Temperance People in British Columbia

Delegates From All Electoral Ridings Of the Province Will Make Decision

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—Preliminary plans for calling a widely representative convention of prohibitionists late in January, at which a decision will be reached regarding the proposal to organize a prohibition political party in the Province, are now under consideration by the B.C. Prohibition Association Convention, Mr. R. J. McIntyre, prohibition organizer for the Province, announced today. While the convention meeting, place and dates have not been definitely determined, Mr. McIntyre said, the executive is making every effort to have duly accredited delegates present from each of the forty-eight constituencies in the Province, "as," he added, "whatever decision is reached will be of vital importance to the Western temperance movement as a whole."

Speaking of the Vancouver plebiscite petition campaign he reported that considerable progress was being made. "We have approximately 1,000 men and women at work in the city, every polling division being properly organized. It is necessary under the statute to obtain as signatures of a petition for referendum, thirty-five per cent of the persons registered in the last revised electoral list. There are little more than 40,000 names on the Vancouver list and accordingly we have to obtain about 14,000 signatures before our petition can succeed. "I have no doubt, and my colleagues are equally confident, that we will get the required number and more, and in consequence I believe I am safe in forecasting the Government order will be a plebiscite to be taken in this district in which the electors will be asked to decide for or against the beer parlors."

Government Troops Defeated in Battle With Brazil Rebels

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 27.—Revolutionary movements in Brazil are reported by La Nación to have been repulsed from Montevideo, Uruguay, based on messages from the Brazilian border. A government column, it is reported, was routed by revolutionaries at San Norja, Rio Grande do Sul, and several loyal officers killed in the encounter. Rebels are also reported to be menacing Cachoeira. Part of the expedition at San Pedro in Rio Grande do Sul has gone over to the revolutionary side. The government is hurrying loyal forces to Cachoeira.

Train Settlers for Dominions Overseas

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Osborne College, Isle of Wight, is to become a training centre for the Dominions under the joint auspices of the Y.M.C.A. migration department and the Church of England Council for Empire Settlement. Here it is hoped to give a preparatory training to 2,000 men and boys yearly, for life in the Dominions. Osborne College forms part of the estate of Osborne House, for fifty years the favorite residence of Queen Victoria, and where she breathed her last on January 22, 1901.

Squire Chittick Dies

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 27.—Squire W. H. Chittick, for twenty years known county of Middlesex, widely known throughout the district through his connections with Manoe and Orange orders, and at times active in working for the cause of "Conservatism" in Canada, died here today. The squire was in his eightieth year.

Oldest Canadian Twin

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—Jabe Atanov, ninety-four, died here today. He was the oldest twin living in Canada. His twin sister predeceased him in April last.

from the
Colonist Tower.
Tuesday, December 28
262nd Day, 1926
THE WEATHER
Victoria and vicinity—Strong winds or gales, mostly southerly; mild with rain.
Sun rises: 8:05 o'clock.
Sun sets: 4:25 o'clock.
High Tide: 10:20 a.m., 8.0 feet.
Low Tide: 6:45 p.m., 3 feet.
The News
Important legislation suggested at opening of fourth session of the British Parliament. Visit of Serbian army surgeon recalls terrible struggle of Great War.
Death of Captain Basil C. Combe removes well-known officer of cabinet.

Four Opposed to "Annexation" by the U.S.



DEAN COLEMAN OPENS SESSION

OLDER BOYS' PARLIAMENT COMMENCES ANNUAL CONFERENCE HERE
National Boys' Parliament is Resumed—Opening Session at Winnipeg in 1927

With important legislation fore-shadowed in the Speech from the Throne, the fourth session of the Older Boys' Parliament was opened here last night with due pomp and ceremony, when H. J. Coleman, of the University of British Columbia, acting as Lieutenant-Governor. The galleries in the Legislative Assembly Chamber were crowded with spectators.

The statement in the Speech from the Throne to the effect that there has been an increase of 112 per cent during the past four years in the number of groups operating under the C.B.P. was the keynote of a spirit of optimism reflected in the speeches of all members contributing to the debate last night. The first measure to be introduced after the Speech from the Throne was the Deputy Ministers' Bill, which is designed to provide for the appointment of members of the Boys' Work Board as deputy ministers to serve in an advisory capacity to committees engaged in drafting legislation. This bill will be considered in committee of the whole this afternoon.

Following the introduction of the Deputy Ministers' Bill, the House passed a standing vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Stanley Harold Carlson, first member for Kootenay West in the second Older Boys' Parliament, who died recently. Telegrams expressing good wishes to the fourth Parliament were read by the Speaker, Jack Shadovoid (Y.M.C.A. Victoria). One from the Alberta Boys' Parliament suggested that a National Boys' Parliament should be convened at Winnipeg at Christmas time next year, and that the railroad expense of members should be paid.

Blame Churches for Disaster to Ontario Temperance Act

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—Much of the blame for the disaster of December 1, when the Ontario Temperance Act was defeated, must be attached to the churches, declared Rev. L. F. Kipp, editor of The Canadian Baptist, at a meeting held in Massey Hall yesterday under the auspices of the Canadian Prohibition Bureau. The churches, Mr. Kipp said, had ceased to teach temperance, except on special occasions and under temperance societies, once found in every congregation, were now almost extinct.

Henry D. Robertson of Glasgow Herald Dies

GLASGOW, Dec. 27.—Henry Drummond Robertson, octogenarian, director of The Glasgow Herald and other newspapers, died today. He was associated with The Herald for fifty years.

VICTIMS OF TANKER EXPLOSION RECOVER

OPERATORS OF HULDA O. MAKE SATISFACTORY PROGRESS IN VANCOUVER INVESTIGATION
Fire Marshal Reports Investigated Shows That No Blame Attached to Shell Company

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—Official conferences between Fire Marshal J. A. Thomas and owners and operators of coastwise oil tankers will be held informally in the near future in an effort to devise some means which will obviate the recurrence of an explosion which wrecked the gas-hauler Hulda O. at Barnet Sunday afternoon, and seriously injured Oscar and James Orpana, owners and operators of the craft. Reports from the general hospital tonight state that a blood transfusion operation having been successful, Oscar Orpana, the most seriously injured, is now out of danger, although he will have to undergo further operations before the fractures of both wrists and ankles, which he sustained, will heal properly. His brother, James Orpana, is receiving treatment for burns at his home.

Wonderful Altar Cloth Dedicated in New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Rare and antique lace taken from old handkerchiefs, wedding gowns and veils, collars and shirts and other heirlooms composed an unusual altar cloth dedicated today at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, by Bishop Manning. The cloth, twelve feet nine inches long and four feet wide, is made up of 100 pieces of old lace woven into a mosaic on a background of cloth of gold. It was made from contributions by members of the congregation.

Indians Rescue Hunter

NIPAWIN, Sask., Dec. 27.—After having abandoned all hope of succor and resigned himself to death from exposure and hunger, W. H. Williams, a prospector, was found by Indians in a lonely shack, miles from civilization, and brought to Nipawin, where he is receiving treatment. Williams left nearly six months ago by canoe into the Northland.

Crushed to Death

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—Samuel Lader, twelve, received a pair of roller skates for Christmas. Today he rolled into a street in West Philadelphia and was crushed to death under a loaded coal truck.

Thirty-Five Die of Poisonous Liquors in Christmas Holidays

Frightful Results of Alleged Drinking of Denatured Alcohol Revealed in Great Increase of Number of Fatalities and Eighty-Nine Cases Sent to Hospital in Three American Cities

Federal Prohibition Administrator Defends Government Against Blame

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Poisonous liquor and excessive drinking here today had garnered a toll of twenty-three deaths, nine more than last year, and eighty-nine persons were sent to hospitals for alcoholism, more than for the same period of 1924 and 1925 combined. Charges that some of the sixteen alcoholic poisoning deaths over the Christmas holidays were caused by poisons put in alcohol by the Government today brought a defence of Government denaturing from Mr. Chester P. Mills, Federal prohibition administrator.

Conciliation Board To Hear Royal City Firemen's Dispute

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—Hon. Peter Heenan has granted a board of conciliation and investigation under the Industrial Disputes Act, to consider the question of wages and working conditions, as between the New Westminster Firefighters' Local, 258, and the city of New Westminster, B.C. W. J. Whiteside, New Westminster, on the recommendation of N. Westminister, city, and R. P. Pettipiece, Vancouver, recommended by the employees, have been appointed members of the board by the Minister. Mr. Whiteside, and Mr. Pettipiece will confer shortly with a view to the nomination for chairman. The request for establishment of the board was made jointly by the city of New Westminster and the New Westminster fire fighters.

Christmas Goose Has Golden Gift for Cook

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 27.—If there is a gold rush in this district in the near future the credit for discovering the first nugget may go to a goose owned by Mrs. E. W. Darnall, of Tynan Station. In preparing it for Christmas she found a gold nugget the size of a bean in its crop.

LEAF TORN FROM DIARY OF SORROW

MEMORIES OF TRAGEDY OF SERBIA ARE RECALLED BY VISITING ARMY SURGEON
Dr. Spiru Sargentich, R.P.H., Tells Something of Heroism of Balkan People

Memories of the disastrous retreat of the Serbian army before the victorious Austro-German divisions from the north, and from the Bulgarian army from the east in 1915, and of the great struggles between the Austrians and Italians in the Alpine passes, are recalled by the visit to the city of Dr. Spiru Sargentich, now associated with the American Lake Hospital for United States war veterans, who is spending a holiday at the Empress Hotel. Dr. Sargentich is a native-born Serbian who obtained his degree soon after coming to the United States at an early age. Incidentally, in his family record it appears that his father was a Serbian navigator, who operated as a master mariner out of Glasgow, with sailing vessels to this coast—probably a unique record for a man of that nationality in that period of maritime history.

Report Mineral Find At Pemberton Meadows

PEMBERTON MEADOWS, B.C. Dec. 27.—Excitement has been started in the Pemberton Valley by the discovery of a large body of mineral near Jililoot Lake. The ore, while not of high grade, is said to appear in immense quantities, the vein having been traced clear from the foot of the mountain to the top, some seven thousand feet. Access to transportation is reported to be unusually easy as the property fronts on the valley level, only a few miles from the P.N.E. Railway.

Tragedy Ends Merry Christmas Day Party

WINNIPEG, Dec. 27.—The joyous merriment of Christmas Day was turned into sorrow in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Phillips, farmers, near St. Claude, Man. The Phillips children were playing around the kitchen stove. Three-year-old Rose Marie, in evading one of her playmates, brushed against a boiling kettle of water and was scalded so badly that she died while being conveyed to a Winnipeg hospital.

Labrador Boundary

LONDON, Dec. 27.—It is unlikely that any decision will be made known by the judicial committee of the Privy Council concerning the boundary between Canada and Newfoundland, on the Labrador Peninsula, until February at the earliest. The committee has now adjourned, and the next sitting does not open until well on in January.

Returned After Armistice

The retreat after Monastir was not the only experience the hero had in the war-torn mountains of his native soil. For he went back after hostilities ceased, and with a well-organized unit did urgent surgical work among his suffering fellow countrymen. During the war Dr. Sargentich was in the front line.

Magnolia Hotel Burns

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Dec. 27.—Thirty-one persons, mostly tourists, escaped a conflagration which swept the ancient city and wiped out many landmarks of the days of Spanish rule. The Magnolia Hotel today was destroyed by fire.

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Heinz Cream Tomato Soup, Per tin	10c
Pink Salmon, new pack, Per tin	5c
Empress Orange Marmalade, 2's, per tin	25c
Swift's Premier Bacon, fresh sliced, per lb.	53c

STORE OPEN EVENINGS

PRINCE CAROL STILL IN PARTS UNKNOWN

RECALCITRANT EX-HEIR TO RUMANIAN THRONE SUPPOSED TO BE AT SEVERAL PLACES

Legation in Paris Denies Report That Royal Sojourner Has Left Paris at Present

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The Rumanian Legation in Paris took occasion today to deny that Prince Carol, erstwhile heir to the Rumanian throne, had left Paris, circles acquainted with the prince's comings and goings at Neuilly, his home just outside the capital, do not place much faith in this statement. Therefore, Carol's whereabouts seemed to be still a mystery tonight—a mystery heightened by the absence of news from Bucharest.

When it first became known on Christmas that the prince was absent from his establishment at Neuilly where he has made his home since he renounced his right to succeed his father as king, the conclusion was immediately drawn that he was on the way to Bucharest to reclaim his prerogatives as Crown Prince.

Among the persistent reports is one that the prince is in the Riviera, although there is no definite information from that region that he has actually been seen. He is supposed to be empty except for the servants who insist that the master is away, although they refuse to give even the slightest indication of his whereabouts, or when he is expected to return.

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an increase of 112 per cent in the number of groups in existence, there had not been an increase of twenty-five per cent in the devotional side of the work.

Less Religion in Home
"A few years ago religion was common in the home," said Dean Coleman. "Now there is less religion in the home in British Columbia than in any other part of the British Empire."

Continuing, the member for Kamloops declared that a slightly different sort of religion was needed in this Province because the problems of British Columbia differed from those of the other provinces. The religious phase of the Boys' Work was the most important one and the House should consider means of making its endeavors more effective in this regard.

Gratification that membership had been extended to the Y.M.C.A. was expressed by Archie Russell, representative of the Vancouver unit of that organization.

Many of the speakers referred to the handicap suffered in the lack of adequate clubrooms and gymnasiums.

After eighteen members had spoken in the debate, adjournment was taken until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The Speech from the Throne was as follows:

Members Welcomed
"Mr. Speaker, and members of the Fourth British Columbia Older Boys' Parliament:

"We welcome you to this fourth session of the C.B.O.B. Older Boys' Parliament of British Columbia. According to legislation enacted at our third session the Boys' Work Board of the Religious Education Council of British Columbia has seen fit to call together those members duly elected in the various electoral districts."

"We congratulate you on your election to this distinguished office and express the hope that during your deliberations you will be fully and well the trust that has been placed in you."

"We rejoice to note an increasing interest in boys' work throughout the Province and a steady advance in the use of the plan of fourfold development which has meant so much for the boys of this Province. There has been an increase in the number of groups operating, of 112 per cent during the past four years, and the Older Boys' Parliament has had much to do with this increase. May it be yours to establish worthy precedents and lay firm foundations for the future. We trust they will be of operative deliberations, free from all faction and party prejudice may give our work, and this movement, such impetus and direction as will firmly establish it in the boy life of our country."

"Boys' work in this Province sustained a great loss in the death of Stanley Harold Carlson, first member from Kootenay West, in the second Older Boys' Parliament. His ability to enlist boys unconnected with any group was very great, and his devotion was an inspiration to all."

Many Measures Up
"During this session many important measures will be brought forward for your approval."

"The rapid progress of our work and its extensive growth during the past three years has made the appointment of a Boys' Work Secretary of primary importance. If our work is to continue to advance and an increasing number of boys be led to follow the Jesus-way of living, you will be asked to give your careful consideration to such appointment, either for whole, or part time."

"Our experience in past years has made changes advisable in the Parliament Act and you will be asked to consider amendments to the Act providing for the appointment of deputy ministers, for the redistribution of electoral districts, and provision for absentee voting."

"As in previous years Parliament will be asked to provide for the maintenance and extension of the C.B.O.B. programme in British Columbia, and for this purpose a budget will be submitted for your sympathetic consideration."

"You will be asked to consider proposals for the more successful promotion of the National and Provincial contests for Tuxedo Suits and Trail Ranges in this Province."

"It is a matter of gratification that the leadership training camp and the district camps were attended by four times the number of men and boys as in previous years. You will be asked to devise ways and means of making these camps more accessible to the boys of the Interior."

Question Important
"The whole question of world brotherhood is a matter of paramount importance in international affairs today. British Columbia was the only Western province having its own delegate at the World Conference on Boys' Work at Helsinki, Finland. Arrangements must be made for our

Four Prairie Samuels Enjoy "Get-Together"



HON. Samuel J. Latta, Minister of Education for Saskatchewan and editor-publisher of the *Saskatchewan Star*, was told that the legislative committee of the Saskatchewan Press Association would like to consult with him before attending a special meeting with the Premier and Cabinet.

"Tell them to come right in," said the genial Minister, and in filed three other Samuels.

"Hello, Sam," said Samuel R. Moore, editor and publisher of The *Swift Current Star*.

"Hello, Sam," said Samuel J. Dornan, editor and publisher of The *Alameda Dispatch* and secretary of the Saskatchewan Press Association.

"Hello, Sam," said Samuel N. Wynn, editor and managing director of The *Yorkton Press*.

"Hello, Sam," said Hon. S. J. Latta. They all laughed.

From left to right, above, the Samuels read: Messrs. Moore, Wynn, Dornan and Latta.

Faithful Malamute Brings Succor to Two Badly Hurt Miners

LITTLE SQUAW, Alaska, Dec. 27.—Carrying a scribbled note from two miners crippled by an explosion, one of them blinded, a malamute dog crossed a 3,000-foot pass at night with the mercury forty degrees below zero to his master's cabin here. The injured men arrived here Saturday on a sled. Oscar Otteronin, Little Squaw miner, was awakened at 2:30 Friday morning by his dog Nigger whining and scratching at the door. A note on the husky's nose read "Come. Both seriously injured. Explosion." Wednesday last Otteronin lent the dog to H. S. Shaw and C. Dunlap. Two men hurrying over the pass with the sled and a team of dogs found Shaw and Dunlap shot full of copper by an explosion of a box of detonators. Dunlap was blinded.

delegate to take his message to as many parts of the Province as possible.

"We are glad to welcome the officially appointed members from the various Y.M.C.A.'s. The section of the Parliament Act dealing with this matter requires slight amendment."

"In conclusion we would give thanks to Almighty God for the progress already made in the programme for the development of Christian character and splendid results obtained. Our earnest hope is that your deliberations under the guidance of God, lead an ever increasing number of boys to adopt the fourfold programme and follow in the footsteps of their Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, who increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and man."

"We now leave you to your deliberations, feeling confident that you will discharge worthily the duties and responsibilities of this important office."

The following standing committees were announced:

Physical—Sherman Harris (Minister of Physical Affairs), John G. Dugal, John Shadbolt and Edwin Pinchin.

International Affairs—Archie Russell (Minister of International Affairs), Leo Dorrah, Alan Campbell, Robert Pound, Arthur Christensen and Harold Phair.

Finance—Wagner (Minister of Finance), Clifford Babcock, Stewart Graham, Edwin Cliff, Wilfred Hooper, R. V. MacLean and J. Tucker (Deputy Minister of Finance).

Municipalities—H. D. Walker (Minister of Municipalities), Bob Rolston, Leslie Tame, Errol Barharae, Fred Taylor and Rev. E. R. McLean (Deputy Minister of Municipalities).

Intellectual Affairs—Herbert Sladen (Minister of Intellectual Affairs), Donnie Dunsmuir, William French and Edwin McVay.

Devotional Affairs—Leonard Nichols (Minister of Devotional Affairs), Fred Spracklin, Irvine Dawson, J. B. Fairley, A. McLean and the Rev. J. W. Miller (Deputy Minister of Devotional Affairs).

Service Affairs—G. S. Mitchell (Minister of Service), A. G. Brown, F. MacKenzie, Bert Smith, D. Sugden, I. Taylor and H. Ratcliff (Deputy Minister of Service).

Redistribution—J. B. McLean (Minister of Redistribution), J. Conlon, A. Greenwood, S. Clarke, Frank Smith, J. Dunbar and the Rev. A. E. Roberts (Deputy Minister of Redistribution).

Nearly \$700,000 Left By Colonel Marshall

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—An estate valued at approximately \$700,000 was left by Col. Noel Marshall, former president of the Canadian Red Cross Association, whose will is now being prepared for probate. The bulk of the estate is divided under the will between Col. Marshall's two sons and their children.

Date Set for Grain Rate Appeal Hearing

EDMONTON, Dec. 27.—Premier Brownlie has been advised from Ottawa that January 16 has been set as the date on which the Privy Council, of Canada will hear the appeal of Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan in connection with the grain rates discrimination case.

Are there going to be any more in-surrections in the Interior? Better take tonight. Better take tonight. Better take tonight. (Advt.)

FOUR ARRESTED IN THEATRE FIRE PROBE

CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF FOUR WINNIPEG FIREMEN

Party Alleged to Have Been Held in Building Just Previous to Alarm

WINNIPEG, Dec. 27.—Investigation by the Provincial Fire Commissioner into the Winnipeg Theatre fire of last Thursday has resulted in the arrest of four unnamed men. It was definitely stated tonight.

The men are alleged to have participated in a party the night preceding the fire and information to this effect was received by the Provincial Fire Commissioner through an anonymous telephone call. The men were arrested in premises on Notre Dame Avenue.

It was stated tonight that the investigation had revealed that the fire had probably started in one of the dressing rooms of the theatre which had not been used for productions for some weeks.

To Hold Investigation
The City Council voted for a thorough investigation of the fire department. The action of the Council followed the disastrous Winnipeg Theatre fire of last Thursday in which four firemen were killed and a number of others injured.

The fire commission, provided for in the city charter and composed of the Mayor, the chairman of the Public Safety Committee and a member of the Board of Fire Underwriters, will undertake the investigation. Alderman Blumberg, Mayor, in presenting the resolution, stated that in view of the many statements being made, a clearance of the facts was imperative.

Earlier in the evening the Council had passed a resolution of confidence to the relatives of the men killed.

The four firemen were buried in a single plot today after impressive ceremonies. Flags in the city were half-masted.

IMPOSTOR POSES AS EX-GERMAN ROYALTY

TWENTY-TWO-YEAR-OLD BALTIMORE CLAIMS TO BE SON OF FORMER CROWN PRINCE

Special Performance Given in His Honor, After Which Impostor Disappears

WEIMAR, Germany, Dec. 27.—Fearing as Prince William, son of the former German Crown Prince, a twenty-two-year-old miner from the Baltic, under the title of Baron Korff, succeeded for a time in duping the notables of the little town of Gotha, Erfurt and Weimar.

The impostor first appeared at Erfurt, where he said he had an appointment with his mother and the former German Emperor's administrator, Herr Von Berg. He was conducted in great state to the leading hotel in Gotha, where officials and others vied in paying their respects to him.

A special performance was given in the National Theatre in his honor, after which the miner who would be Prince was driven to the city by the burgomaster, the chief of police and a number of ex-officers. He was invited the next day by the high warren of the Ducal forests to go shooting.

After extracting from his hosts various substantial loans and inscriptions his name in the "golden book" at Erfurt, the pseudo prince disappeared. He is wanted by the police on several charges and has served time for embezzlement and fraud.

\$10,000 Hold-Up
FAIRFIELD, Conn., Dec. 27.—John E. C. Boyle, drugist, was held up today by three men and robbed of \$10,000.

Christmas Eve Catastrophe
OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—The seventeen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Segre, was burned to death on Christmas Eve when a farmhouse near here was destroyed by fire.

Suicides on Christmas
TORONTO, Dec. 27.—Dependent because he was unemployed, Evan Lewis, forty-four, is said by police to have committed suicide by swallowing poison Christmas afternoon.

\$150,000 Iowa Fire
WATERLOO, Ia., Dec. 27.—Fire of unknown origin today destroyed two business blocks here and caused damage estimated at \$150,000.

Teacher—Now, children, here's a question in your textbook. How old would a person be who was born in 1888?

Pupil—Please, teacher, was it a man or a woman?



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Old Maids Stampeded On St. Catherine's Day

PARIS, Dec. 27.—France's "old maids" had their innings in the St. Catherine's day celebration recently. Girls of twenty-five years or more who have not yet gathered husbands, dressed in elaborate lacy white bonnets and roamed the streets, cornering males and showering them with gratuitous embraces. However, this

year's crop was so attractive, the masculine admirers seeking to be made victims became the aggressors and forced the effusive maidens to seek refuge at the numerous costume parties, where many of the girls contended themselves with appearing on the balconies and throwing kisses to the throngs below.

Modern husbands usually sigh with envy when they hear of a wife who treats them like a dog.

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Legs Local Spring Lamb, per lb. 38c
Lamb Stew, per lb. 18c

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Fresh Local Fowl, per lb. 28c

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Fatal Motor Smash

WINDSOR, Ont., Dec. 27.—Robert
Stevenson, forty-three, was instantly
killed yesterday near Big Rapids,
Mich., when the automobile in
which he was riding skidded and
crashed into a tree. Miss Gladys
Young, whom Stevenson was to have
married Tuesday, escaped serious
injury. A. W. Young, father of the
bride-elect, was seriously hurt, while
three other members of the Young
family who were in the car were not
seriously hurt. The party were en
route to Detroit.

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BROOKLINE, Mass., Dec. 27.—Ed-
ward Dana Denmore, prominent ar-
chitect and engineer, guided his life
in his Brookline home Saturday. It
has been revealed by the police today.
The plans of the Park Square Build-
ing, one of the largest office buildings
in the world, were prepared under
his direction. Mr. Denmore's body
was discovered in a bathroom by one
of his children. A razor was found
nearby. The medical examiner said
that Mr. Denmore had suffered a
nervous breakdown from overwork.

\$130,000 Yorkton Fire

YORKTON, Sask., Dec. 27.—Fire of
undetermined origin, which started in
the basement of the Krushen Block
shortly before 8 o'clock this morn-
ing, drove sixteen persons from their
homes into sub-zero weather, and in-
jured two firemen and completely
gutted the building and stocks of
three stores, a college and apartment,
causing damage estimated at more
than \$130,000.

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Party System of Government to Be
Debated on Floor of House of
Boys' Parliament

Members of the Boys' Parliament,
which will meet in session at the Par-
liament Buildings today, were guests
of the Loyal Knights of the Round
Table at their regular weekly dinner
in the Chamber of Commerce yester-
day evening.

Premier Rogers Fouts outlined the
work of the Boys' Parliament and re-
ferred to the business to be discussed
at this, the fourth annual session.

Clifford Babcock, leader of the op-
position, explained that this was no
mock parliament and that the busi-
ness to be discussed was for the bene-
fit of the boys of this province.

Both Premier Oliver and Mr. R. L.
Pooty, M.P.P., approved of the dis-
cussion that will be held with regard
to having party politics in the Boys'
Parliament. Premier Fouts told the
Knights of the Round Table that po-
litical parties in the Boys' Parliament
would be one of the matters taken up.
A debate will be held by the leader of
the opposition on the question of in-
troducing the party system of govern-
ment.

Dean H. T. J. Coleman, who is offi-
ciating as Lieutenant-Governor for the
parliament, mentioned in his address
an old difference of opinion, that be-
tween youth and age, which, in his ex-
perience, however, he thought that
this difference was fast disappearing.
Youths were taking more serious
views of life, and age was moving
more into the spirit of youth's prob-
lems.

The dinner was presided over by Sir
Knight W. T. Strath.

JAPAN IS SUFFERING FROM INDIGESTION

Changes Come in Country With
Breathless Rapidity and Result
Is Deplored

TOKIO, Dec. 27.—Japan is suf-
fering from indigestion. She has
been suffering economically, finan-
cially, industrially, socially, politi-
cally, educationally and every other
way because of her ailment.

Early in the Meiji era, there was
a period of general reorganization
and reconstruction of the old order
of things in Japan into new along the
Western line. The change came to
the country with a breathless rapidity.
It is interesting to note some of the
things introduced into Japan during
this period.

Lighthouses and telegraphs were
introduced into Japan in 1870, postal
system, mini, and dock in 1871. In
the same year, the feudal system was
abolished, the so-called eta (social
outcasts) were admitted to citizen-
ship and colonization of the Holo-
kaido was started. The following
year saw the establishment of the
first railway, newspaper, Tokyo Im-
perial University and the Yokohama
Embassy was sent to America and
Europe. In 1873, the Gregorian cal-
endar was adopted, the anti-Christi-
an edicts were removed and the
Empress gave an audience to foreign
ladies. The Saka Rebellion and For-
mosan Expedition took place in 1874.

The assembly of Governors was held
in 1875, and in 1876, the first
haikai was traded for Kurile Islands.
A commercial treaty was concluded
with Korea in 1876. The following
year saw the Sino-Japanese war and
first national exhibition in Tokyo.
Himetalism was adopted and estab-
lishment of Prefectural Assemblies
was promised.

The outstanding events which oc-
curred during a period of ten years
from 1873 to 1883 were the annexa-
tion of the Loo Choo Islands, the
visit of General U. S. Grant, the pro-
mulgation of penal code and code of
criminal procedure, the establishment
of constitutional government, the or-
ganization of political parties, Bank
of Japan, the adoption of new orders
of nobility in European fashion, the
introduction of English into school
curricula, the establishment of Nip-
pon Yusen Kaisha, reconstruction
of the Cabinet, the enactment of the
Peace Preservation Act, the estab-
lishment of the Privy Council, the
promulgation of the Constitution, the
establishment of local self-govern-
ment.

Progress Is Rapid

The rapid succession, with which
systems and principles of Western
origin, were adopted was indeed very
spectacular. The transformation of
the country was called a "kaiido-
copic change." Everything worked
beautifully and foreigners lavished
their laudatory comments on the pro-
gress Japan made during the short
period, declaring that she had worked
a wonder.

It so happened, however, that the
material civilization of the West
Japan had adopted had begun to wear
out. New stocks had to be obtained to
make the new order of society, busi-
ness and administration, operative.
The Japanese people realized that
their need must be supplied at home
instead of importing from abroad.
Hundreds of factories and books were
imported from the Western countries
to train men in the art of handling
the new materials.

The home-made men and goods,
however, failed to function properly
in the operation of the country mod-
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Japan had been swallowing every-
thing offered to her by the West with
a result that it had overtaxed her in-
ternal organs. A close examination
revealed that the ailment was funda-
mental and required a thorough
treatment.

The conclusion of the Russo-Jap-
anese War brought in its train ad-
verse opinion of foreign critics on
Japan. The ailment from which
Japan was suffering furnished a fit
subject of criticism and the foreign
critics began to harp on various
shortcomings of Japanese life. They
pointed out the lack of originality
and efficiency in the mind of the
Japanese people.

A few achievements of internation-
al significance were accomplished in
due time by isolated Japanese scien-
tists to vindicate their race against
the charge. The intelligent class of
people began to realize that the
originality and efficiency of mind de-
pend upon the training of individ-
uals. The realization had crystallized into a
conviction that the Japanese scien-

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ports, one of the novel sights to meet
their eyes will be the curiously-
marked attire of the gentleman in this
illustration. If there are any of the
Masonic fraternity among the passen-
gers they may well be deceived by the
double triangle into thinking that he
is a member of some Oriental chapter
of the Order, but they will be mis-
taken. He is a Japanese code whose
business it is to meet steamers and
trains and conduct travelers to a hotel
whose name is designated on his back
within the double geometrical figure.
This serves the same purpose to him
as the name of his establishment
around the band of his cap serves the
waiters of a national point of view.
The difference in this case is but one
of the many instances of the exotic
and the unfamiliar which make up
the pleasure and enjoyment of the
world traveler.

Students and scholars need to think more
deeply in terms of process, litera-
ture in terms of rational social life
and manufacturers and business men
in terms of economics and finance.
They started about their tasks with
a firm determination, but they still
found something essentially wrong.
As a result of an investigation they
found that the present method of edu-
cation is not at all conducive to this
mental attitude that makes for origi-
nality and efficiency.

Educators See Mistake

Educators began to realize the
necessity of a better method of edu-
cation. A few schools in Tokyo and
other large cities have adopted the
method of cramming system of educa-
tion. This is a good start and a long step
forward in an effort to do away with the
cramming system of education. When
considered from a national point of
view, however, this improvement is
no more than a fraction of what is
required by the whole nation. It is
no more than a tickling of the nose
spot of the earth for cultivation to
raise a large crop to feed the nation.
The demand for a sweeping change
in the present method of education
is louder and universal in the educa-
tional circles.

A few keen observers, however,
perceived the helplessness of the pro-
blem in the present condition. This
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Generally speaking, the majority
of Japanese instructors are the pro-
ducts of cramming system of educa-
tion which has been in practice in
this country for centuries. As the re-
sult they have become knowing per-
sons instead of thinking persons, and
it has been their duty to instill what
they know into their pupils. Their
mental attitude is dead set by the
force of centuries-old habit on the
old method of teaching which has
been handed down to them from their
ancestors.

Teachers Are Handicap

Here is the whole difficulty in a nut-
shell. Japan may adopt a new method
of education that makes for a de-
velopment of a mental habit for inde-
pendent and logical thinking by her
youth, but the instructors' mental
habit can not be changed in a brief
time into an order necessary for the
application of that method. The man
for originality and individuality can
not be expected to be well received
for the time being by a community
which still holds to a large measure
the traditional feudal sentiment. The
Japanese standard of efficiency can
never be raised to the international
level as long as it is based on the tra-
ditional sentiment and a dreamy mode
of living, as it is at present.

All these points to the grim reality
that the present social, political, edu-
cational and industrial difficulties can-
not be remedied by a mere adoption
of new systems or principles. Japan's
indigestion has been chronic, requiring
fundamental treatment. Good sys-
tems and principles may be imported
but they must be well received for
the time being by a community
which still holds to a large measure
the traditional feudal sentiment. The
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ditional sentiment and a dreamy mode
of living, as it is at present.

Such mentality will digest and create.
That is a matter of course which is
one thing that Japan need not and
cannot import from abroad. It is a
result of evolution that is growth.
The matter of course is a new line of
educational endeavor in this country
to rectify the present situation, but the
movement is still in an embryonic
stage. The intellectual and financial as-
sistance are essential for the growth of
this movement for the ultimate cure
of the indigestion. It is on the fate of
the nation that hangs the success of a policy such as
the industrialization of the nation,
which is considered by many as the
only salvation of the nation.

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CRAZE FOR HIGH BUILDINGS WANES

Skyscraper Causing Traffic Conges-
tion and Destroying Civic Pul-
chritude, Says Expert

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—As the re-
mainder of American cities are vying
with one another to erect the tallest
structures, New York's sudden
turning upon the skyscraper will have
on other cities a problematical
Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, St. Louis
and other large cities, and even
much smaller cities, are erecting tall
structures at the present time with a
great deal of pride.

limits upon the heights of buildings
should be reduced, but the reduction
is a delicate operation.

"There is little doubt that a ten-
story limit imposed forty years ago
would have been best for the future
city."

One of the leaders in the fight
against skyscrapers is Henry H. Cur-
ran, counsel of the City Club of New
York. He declares the skyscraper not
only causes traffic congestion, but is
destroying civic beauty.

Effect Elsewhere
What effect New York's sudden
turning upon the skyscraper will have
on other cities is problematical.
Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, St. Louis
and other large cities, and even
much smaller cities, are erecting tall
structures at the present time with a
great deal of pride.

Boston has limited its heights and
Washington has done its building with
somewhat of an eye to beauty, but the
majority of cities have had "the sky
as the limit."

Detroit now is putting up what will
be the tallest building in the world,
the Book Tower, which will outstrip
New York's Woolworth building. And
Cleveland is erecting a fifty-two-story
structure.

To add to the woe of the skyscraper
enthusiast, a conference of the Na-
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Association has just declared a resolu-
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Goodwin Defence Committee Informed That Lawyer for Accused Is Working Hard on Brief

The British Consul-General at San Francisco has informed the Goodwin Defence Committee in a letter received yesterday that the defence lawyer has obtained an extension for the filing of his brief until January 6, and that he is working hard all day and every day on its preparation. The impression created at the meeting held in the Chamber of Commerce Hall Thursday, December 23, that no money was necessary to secure justice for Mr. Goodwin has had a marked effect and subscriptions have fallen off considerably. The committee desires to make an

urgent appeal to all lovers of justice to support the effort which is being made for funds to provide adequate defence for the condemned man. The British Ambassador at Washington, the Consul-General at San Francisco, and the Consul at Los Angeles join in urging the committee to raise these funds, and the Deputy Attorney-General of British Columbia endorses the actions of the committee, and states that the position is unassailable.

Obituary

PALMER—There passed away at an early hour Sunday morning at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. E. M. Gerrard-Mason, 1206 Beach Drive, Oak Bay, Rebecca Palmer, born November 2, 1842, at Weston Colville, England. She leaves to mourn her loss one son, two daughters, eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. The remains are resting at the Thomson Funeral Home, 1625 Quadra Street, whence the funeral will take place this afternoon, December 28, at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, M.A., rector of St. John's Church, will conduct the service, after which the remains will be laid to rest in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

KIRBY—The funeral of the late Sarah Ann Kirby took place from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Ven. Archdeacon Sweet officiated. The hymns sung were "Rock of Ages" and "The Sands of Time Are Sinking." Many friends were present and a large number of beautiful floral offerings were received. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. R. J. Henry, C. Butcher, F. Ivings and E. Showers. Interment was made in Royal Oak Burial Park.

MANTROP—The funeral of the late Elizabeth B. Mantrop took place from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Rev. J. S. Paterson officiated. The hymns sung were "Peace, Perfect Peace" and "The Lord Is My Shepherd." Friends attended, and the casket was covered with floral tributes. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. George McGregor, J. A. Herlihy, Capt. A. M. Alken, T. Moffatt, Andrew Berryman and John Morrison. Interment was made in Royal Oak Burial Park.

WHITTEN—The funeral of the late Norman Ernest Whitten will take place from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. James Strachan will officiate. Interment will be in Ross Bay Cemetery.

PARRELL—The funeral of the late Patrick Gerald Parrell will take place from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel this morning at 8:45 o'clock, proceeding to St. Andrew's Cathedral, where funeral service will be held at 9 o'clock. Interment will be in Ross Bay Cemetery.

BELTON—There passed away in this city on December 25, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Alice Belton, of 623 Cornwall Street. She was seventy-nine years of age, and born in Portsmouth, England. Mr. Stubbs had been a resident in the city for seven years. He leaves, besides his widow, three daughters, Miss Kathleen in England, Miss Maud in Seattle, and Mrs. F. P. Boucher in Victoria. The funeral will take place from the above address on Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Dean Quinlan will officiate. Interment will be in Ross Bay Cemetery. It is requested that no flowers be sent.

STUBBS—There passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital on December 26, Thomas William Wood Stubbs, of 623 Cornwall Street. He was seventy-nine years of age, and born in Portsmouth, England. Mr. Stubbs had been a resident in the city for seven years. He leaves, besides his widow, three daughters, Miss Kathleen in England, Miss Maud in Seattle, and Mrs. F. P. Boucher in Victoria. The funeral will take place from the above address on Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Dean Quinlan will officiate. Interment will be in Ross Bay Cemetery. It is requested that no flowers be sent.

LOCK—The death took place last Saturday at the Royal Jubilee Hospital of John Lock, aged eighty-eight, born in New Hampshire, U.S.A., and a resident of this city for fifty years. The funeral will take place on Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel and the remains will be laid to rest in Ross Bay Cemetery.

McKIM—There passed away at the family residence, 2311 Graham Street, on Saturday last, Eva Edith McKim, aged fifty years, wife of John James McKim. The late Mrs. McKim was born in England and had resided in Victoria for fourteen years, coming here from Medicine Hat, Alberta. She is survived by her husband and one son of ten years, also a brother and two sisters in England. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel. The remains will be laid to rest in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

ROBERTSON—The funeral of the late Mrs. Edith Gertrude Robertson, wife of Col. F. A. Robertson, of 1611 Stanley Avenue, will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel. The remains will be laid to rest in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

CONNELL—The funeral of the late Patrick Connell, who died at St.

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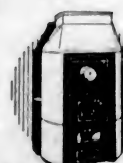
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Sir Rupert Clarke Dead

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Christmas Reunion Has Fatal Ending for Three

PLATTSBURG, N.Y., Dec. 27.—Three brothers, united for the Christmas holidays, lost their lives today when their automobile struck a train on a crossing a mile south of this city.

Felix Manion, thirty, and David Manion, thirty-five, were instantly killed, and Jesse, twenty, died on the way here. The car was driven by David, who suffered heart attacks. It was thought that he may have been stricken as the car approached the crossing.

Joseph's Hospital last Thursday, took place yesterday morning, the cortege leaving the Sands Funeral Chapel at 9 o'clock. At 10 o'clock mass was celebrated at the West Saanich Catholic Church by Rev. Father E. M. Scheelan, a large gathering of friends being in attendance. Many flowers covered the casket. The pallbearers were Messrs. W. B. Millman, F. X. O'Neill, J. Carrier, H. Anderson, H. J. Parrell and C. Cecil. The remains were laid to rest in the West Saanich Roman Catholic cemetery.

KEELEY—The death took place Saturday at the Royal Jubilee Hospital of Mrs. Daisy Keeley, wife of Mr. William C. Keeley, of 2337 Burns Avenue, aged twenty-nine years. She was born in London, and had been a resident of this city for seventeen years. The late Mrs. Keeley is survived by her husband; her father, Mr. James Webb, of 610 Pine Street; three sisters, Mrs. A. Painter, Mrs. William Summersville, and Mrs. William Dutton, all of this city. The

funeral will take place on Wednesday, December 29, at 2 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Rev. J. R. Patterson will officiate, and the remains will be laid to rest in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

BIETOW—The remains of the late Edward Aloness John Bietow, who died in this city last Thursday, were forwarded by the Sands Funeral Company Sunday evening to his home at Surrey Centre, B.C., where the funeral will take place this afternoon, and interment will be made in the family plot. The late Mr. Bietow was born in England twenty-five years ago, and is survived by his mother, Mrs. Isabella Chesher, of Surrey Centre.

PALMER—There passed away at an early hour Sunday morning at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. E. M. Gerrard-Mason, 1206 Beach Drive, Oak Bay, Mrs. Rebecca Palmer. The late Mrs. Palmer was born November 2, 1842 at Weston Colville, England. She leaves one son, two daughters,

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Annual Costume Dance For Children Gay One

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Hundreds of happy children attended the annual fancy dress ball given last evening at the Empress Hotel by the Navy League Chapter, I.O.D.E., the pretty costumes mingling in a gay kaleidoscope of color ever changing and always beautiful. There were tiny fairies, bold pirates, Pierrots and dainty Pierettes, old-fashioned ladies and gentlemen with powdered wigs and lace ruffles, ballet dancers, little people who had stepped from the pages of Mother Goose and the nursery rhymes and countless others. While the dance was not as largely attended as last year, owing, no doubt, to the prevalence of colds and influenza, the children enjoyed every moment of their delightful party, the ballroom being their own from 7 until 9 o'clock.

Heaton's orchestra played all the latest tunes for dancing, as well as some of the old favorites. At 8 o'clock His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Miss Mackenzie, attended by Lieutenant Grant, R.C.N., entered the ballroom as the National Anthem was played. Mrs. Heaton Gillespie, regent of Municipal Chapter, I.O.D.E., and Mrs. Mortimer Appleby, regent of the Navy League Chapter, I.O.D.E., accompanied the party.

The grand march was led by little Master Harry Clarke, son of Eng.-Lt. Commander G. P. and Mrs. Clarke, who wore a white sailor suit and carried in his hand the standard of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire. Julia Kent Widdens, in a charming little blue frock trimmed with garlands of roses, and Master John Reeves, as a British boy, were next in the procession, which wound its long and colorful way down the centre of the ballroom to where His Honor welcomed each child, turned the room and into the dining-room, where supper was served.

Groups of children sat at small tables which were decorated with holly and flowers, and did full justice to the excellent supper provided.

Among the guests were: Thos. Arbuthnot, Huguenot maid; Gwen MacDonald, ballerina; Trevor Piddock, page; Katherine Bach, Valentine; Muriel Creighton, Pierrot; Marjorie Scarratt, Miss 1850; Frances Mellor, Springtime; Valentine Harlock, fairy queen; Sheila Gibbs, Pierrette; Valerie Whitford, Miss Foxglove; Aubrey Thompson, drummer; Laura Catherston, United States sailor; Philip Wall, elf; Mary Stewart, fairy; Barbara Pollock, Dutch girl; Gladys Bayley, Pixie; Edith Adams, fairy; H. J. Rose, eighteenth century; Grant Stewart, clown; Billie McFee, Pierrot; Rosalind Willis, Pierrette; Cecile Jaget, baby vampire; Cuyler Shanks, mischievous; Robin Robertson, clown; Allison Mitchell, black Pierrette; Wanda Cooke, gypsy; Ethel Norcross, fairy; Fred Burnfoot, cowboy; Evelyn Duffield, Prince Charming; Kathleen McIntyre, rose; Irene Nicholls and Phyllis Adams, king and queen of carnival; Gloria Wilson, sliver spider's web; Brenda Statham, Japanese girl; Ardies Johnston, Chinaman; Audrey Hadow, eighteenth century lady; Peggy Piddock, Eastern dancer; May Young, butterfly; Angela Smith, Summer. Others included Geraldine Shaw, Lloyd Bassett, Joan Dean, Barbara Pontin, Joyce Coggin, Eve Tingley, Bessie Thorne, Viva Brown, Agnes Street, Lorna Benson, Kathleen Burns, Louise Maynard, Evelyn Taylor, Orrie Branfoot, Margaret Sheret, Claire Laybourn, and many others.

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A choir composed of twelve choristers and singing boys of Westminster Abbey and eight gentlemen of St. George's Chapel, Windsor, is to make a tour of Canada in February and March. The choir will be accompanied by Sydney H. Nicholson, M.V.O., M.A., Mus. Bac., organist and master of the choristers of Westminster Abbey, who will direct the music to be sung by the choir; by the Rev. Edmund H. Phillips, Mus. Doc., minor Canon of Windsor and one of the first authorities on old English music, who will act as precentor at services given by the choir, and by the Very Rev. the Dean of Windsor, Dr. A. V. Baillie, C.V.O., D.D., F.S.A.

In the course of the tour it is intended to give (1) church services, conducted by Dr. Nicholson; (2) lectures by the Dean of Windsor on St. George's, Windsor and Westminster Abbey, and lectures by Dr. Phillips on Elizabethan and English Church Music, illustrated by the choir; (3) demonstration concerts organized by Dr. Phillips, consisting of church and secular music, madrigals, etc. Dr. Nicholson is also prepared to conduct congregational hymn-singing, demonstrations and special gatherings for Boy Scouts.

It is expected that a stay of only about two days will be possible in each place visited, and arrangements are to be in the hands of local committees.

The tour is being directed by the National Council of Education, of which Major Fred Ney, M.C., of Toronto, is secretary.

Floods Take Toll of Life and Property

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 27.—Six deaths and property damage running into hundreds of thousands was estimated tonight after flood waters had spread over low lands in Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama. The flood began to recede in most of the inundated areas, but the crest was in sight at other points. Forecasts of further rains in the flooded areas have caused apprehension and additional safeguards to life and property were taken. Heaviest property damage was through Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee, in the valley of the Cumberland River.

POULTRY FILM IS VALUABLE TO B.C.

Motion Pictures of British Columbia Chicken Ranches Shown to Poultrymen of This Island

Motion pictures depicting the poultry business of British Columbia, and of Vancouver Island in particular, were shown to poultrymen in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium last night. Mr. C. C. Barry, assistant chief of the poultry department, Ottawa, explained that the pictures were part of the film that would be shown at the World's Poultry Congress in Ottawa, July 27 to August 4 of next year.

Scenes showing Mr. H. A. Gilroy's \$30,000 plant at Chemainus, Mr. A. George's poultry farm at Albert Head, Mr. T. H. Hayward's farm at Colwood, Mr. W. Bradley's farm at Colwood and Mr. L. F. Solly's chicken ranch at Westholme, were flashed on the screen.

At the close of the meeting captions were suggested for the various "cuts" in the film. Mr. Barry expressed the opinion that British Columbia would get some valuable publicity from this film.

THREE LIVES LOST IN GAS EXPLOSION

VENTURE, Cal., Dec. 27.—Three lives were the toll exacted here today by a fire started by an explosion in the absorption plant of the General Petroleum Company that trapped employees of the unit in a flaming circle 400 feet in diameter. Three other men were so seriously burned they are not expected to live, several others, while seriously injured, probably will recover, and a number of employees were given emergency treatment for minor burns.

The loss in gasoline and equipment was estimated at \$75,000, but although company engineers have begun an investigation of the cause of the fire has yet to be determined.

The dead are: Mark London, of Los Angeles; Sam Ingram and William LeJune. The injured, expected to die are: T. J. Garrett, J. K. Berry and P. B. Dimock.

Holiday Levy on Chinese
MONTREAL, Dec. 27.—One hundred and twenty-five Chinamen, whose haul amounted to \$1,300 in cash, were arrested last night and charged with being found in gambling houses. Several patrol wagons were called out to take the loads.

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Health and Diet Advice

By DR. FRANK McCOY

Start Dieting Today

I know many of you are baffled by reading so many different ideas about dieting. Some of these health articles emphasize the need for studying the calorie theory of dietetics; other writers on health subjects urge you to live on uncooked foods, while others have a mania for being opposed to the use of meat. I know how hard it must be for you to get any "head or tails" out of this mixture of advice. However, whether or not you desire to make a radical change in your daily diet arrangements, it will not be hard for you to make some slight changes which will be quite effective in bringing about increased health.

Less Food Needed
If you have studied the calorie theory, you will have learned how to keep down the quantity of food that you are using. You will soon realize that you can live on a much smaller amount of food, provided it is of the right quality. In all of my experience, I have never found it necessary to advise a patient to use more food, but it seems necessary to advise them to use less.

If you have been studying uncooked foods, you should appreciate their value enough to add an extra amount to your daily meals with a large salad of such vegetables as lettuce, celery, cucumbers, water cream, etc. Do not have any other food for that meal until you have satisfied yourself with all of the salad that you desire. You will be surprised to find the salad very filling and satisfactory in every way. If you will use it at the first of the meal, it will be easy to cut down on the amount of the more hearty foods, which you have been accustomed to using. You might even find that you can make one meal, perhaps lunch, of raw food,

LADY MAUDE HOARE FLYING TO INDIA

Daring British Woman Sets Out on Long Airplane Journey From England to India

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Carrying only one small suitcase containing twenty pounds of clothing and toilet articles, Lady Maude Hoare climbed into a large passenger airplane at Croydon this morning and, with her husband, Sir Samuel Hoare, British Air Minister, sailed off on a 12,000-mile journey to India and return.

Her trip is the longest ever undertaken by a woman and is an epoch-making one for British civil aviation. Sir Samuel will inaugurate a new Cairo-Karachi service and will visit scattered British air posts on the northern frontiers of India.

For days Lady Hoare will fly over territory that never before has been visited by a white woman. She intends to make her suitcase wardrobe serve her needs in all climates, but has sent ceremonial clothes in advance for a great fête which will be held at Delhi.

Hospital Christmas Has Tree and Carols

Among the most delightful of Christmas Eve gatherings was the annual tree at the Jubilee Hospital, which drew a capacity audience to the prettily decorated nurses' recreation room, formerly the Fleming Ward. The tree was the cynosure of all eyes until the programme of all songs and carols began, when attention was temporarily diverted to the performance of the various artists. Subsequently, Santa Claus arrived, as merry as ever, despite the year which had elapsed since his last appearance at the hospital. The little patients from the children's ward who were able to attend the proceedings, occupied big chairs in the front of the audience, some even lying propped up on pillows in wheeled chairs. There were several grown-up patients as well, and all seemed to forget their sufferings in the excitement of the hour.

Several members of the board of directors were present. Mr. George McGregor, chairman; Mr. Charles Williams, Harvey, Conyers, Drake and J. B. Roberts. Among the audience also were Dr. Pearce, medical superintendent of the hospital; Mrs. Pearce, Miss Jessie Mackenzie, director of nursing; Mrs. McGregor, Rev. Mr. Stephenson, Mr. A. J. Dallain, Rev. A. de B. Brown, Mrs. Charles Williams, Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. Drake.

The programme opened with a piano duet by Miss Wilburta Ede and Miss Alma Jones, and other items including the whistling solo by Miss Beattie Jones, a graduate nurse; vocal solo, "The Bachelor Owl," by Miss Parfitt; a charmingly danced minuet, in which the ladies were the Misses Mallet, R. Winch and Helen Paul, and the gentlemen, the Misses Myrtle Waldom, Ruth Denham and Phyllis Hindon. The Barcarolle from the Tales of Hoffman was sung by Miss Lorna Carmichael and Miss Hilda Burton, and a Japanese love song by Miss Grace Macdonald. Ellen Caruthers and Lorna Carmichael, Miss Caruthers also contributed a recitation, and the quartette, "Kentucky Babe," was sung by the Misses Carmichael, Burton, Jones and Denham.

Alert Bay Public School Gives Splendid Concert

On Thursday evening, December 18, the pupils of the Alert Bay public school staged an interesting concert. Dr. Mandy, who acted as chairman, spoke briefly on "Higher Education," and during the course of the evening thanked, on behalf of the teachers, the members of the Parent-Teacher Association, who gave assistance in every way possible.

Special praise was given to the principal, Mrs. C. Harper, and to Mrs. R. V. Brown, for the results shown in the school work during the term and for their efforts to make the success of the concert was due.

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New Year's Party at Victoria City Temple

The Victoria City Temple will hold a New Year's party and concert, with programme and refreshments, followed by a Watchnight service, at which Dr. Clem Davies will preach, on Friday evening next, at the Chamber of Commerce main hall, commencing at 8 o'clock, and continuing until after the midnight hour, closing with the chimes of twelve o'clock to greet the New Year.

An attractive programme is being arranged by the Business Ladies' Club of the Temple, and included will be a table tennis tournament and exhibition table tennis games. Some of the best players in the city will be on the programme for this event. Another feature of the programme will be the arrangements for refreshments, every participant being required to pay for the service according to his weight on the scales.

Dr. Davies has chosen for his Watchnight subject "The Open Door of 1927." Musical items will be sung throughout the evening.

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Society and Women's Affairs

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After a short honeymoon in Vancouver, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Masters, of Campbell River, spent a few days last week at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. F. A. MacDonald, 1739 Ross Street. On Thursday evening a reception for the immediate friends of the bride was given and an enjoyable evening was spent at dancing and cards. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Moffat, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McMillan, Mrs. James Campbell, Mrs. Robert Moffat, Miss Souter, Mrs. J. Grainger, Miss Ella Grainger, Miss Anna Grainger and Mr. F. G. MacDonald. The bride, who was formerly Mrs. Oscar Higgins, of Galax, Virginia, is widely known on the coast.

Christmas Ceremony

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Stuart Yates was christened on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at Christ Church Cathedral, being given the names Maureen Alice. The Rev. C. V. Schofield, Bishop of Columbia, officiated, and the sponsors were Mr. J. W. Stanley Morrison, Mrs. Philip Austin and Miss Ethel Morrison.

Christmas Party

Among the larger Christmas parties, one of the most enjoyable was the children's dinner party on Christmas evening, given by Mr. and Mrs.

Ross Sutherland and Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hammond, in the home of the former on Poul Bay Road. About twenty were at dinner, and a large number arrived later to dance.

To Leave for South

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Frankis, who were recipients of a presentation from the staff of the Vancouver Morning Star on the occasion of leaving for California, are spending the Christmas season with Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Carter, Woodley Road. They will leave for California today.

Spent Christmas Here

Mr. G. Wilfred Heritage has returned to Port Angeles, after spending Christmas with his parents, Miss Olive Heritage, of the University of British Columbia, is spending the holidays at home.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Caines' golden wedding anniversary will be celebrated at the home of their daughter, Mrs. William Desjardins, 3545 Seaside Road, Saanichton, on Friday, from 2 till 5 p.m.

Expresses Thanks

Mrs. Frank Crawford wishes to thank her many friends for kindnesses shown whilst a patient in the St. Joseph's Hospital, also for kind remembrances and Christmas greetings at home.

In Vancouver

Miss Dorothy Cawley and Mr. Don MacLeod, of Vancouver, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Roseboom, 1378 Begbie Street. Mr. Roseboom being home from Powell River for the holidays.

Christmas in Victoria

Mr. and Mrs. Miller (nee Justine Gilbert) arrived last Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Justin Gilbert, 324 Douglas Street.

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Visiting Parents

Miss Doris Ashdown arrived last week from California to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Ashdown, 1068 Deal Street, Oak Bay.

Here for Christmas

Mr. Archibald Lang, of the staff of the Bank of Montreal, Dunsmuir Street, is spending the Christmas holidays in Victoria with his mother, Mrs. Gourlay Lang, Monterey Avenue.

Here from Texada Island

Dr. and Mrs. Kingsley Terry, of Texada Island, and little Miss Pamela Terry, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Terry, St. James Street.

Returns from South

Miss Violet Horne has returned from Los Angeles, where she visited Miss Phyllis Knappman. She is now the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Drake, Crescent Drive.

Returns to Portland

Miss Alleen Raymond has returned to Portland, and Mr. Robin Raymond to Vancouver, after spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Raymond, Trutch Street.

Visits Relatives

Mr. Hermann Sehl, Prospect Lake, is the guest of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Uplands.

Here from Seattle

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Biddle, of Seattle, and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Trotter, of Vancouver, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Jay, Belmont Avenue.

Visiting in Ladner

Mrs. T. W. Patterson, Miss Helen Goward and Mr. Gordon Patterson are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. McD. Patterson, Ladner, B.C.

Leave for California

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Todd, St. Charles Street, have left for Los Angeles, where they will spend the next few weeks.

Christmas Party

Colonel and Mrs. Carey entertained ten guests at dinner on Christmas night, a number of friends coming in later for a small informal dance.

At Metochin

Mr. and Mrs. J. Mathews, of Tacoma, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Mathews' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mathews, Metochin.

Holidays Here

Mr. Arthur Hamilton has returned to Seattle after spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. John Cadzow, Island Road.

Officers at Home

The officers of Work Point Barracks will be at home in the officers' mess from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on New Year's Day.

Visiting Parents

Miss Crump, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Crump, Beach Drive, left for England yesterday afternoon.

Visiting at Calgary

Miss Mabel Humphries, of Victoria, is visiting Mrs. H. W. Irving, Cornell Apartments, Calgary.

Returns to Vernon

Mr. R. H. MacDonald has returned to his home in Vernon after spending a few days here in Vancouver.

Returns from Mainland

Miss M. U. Evans has returned from Vancouver, where she spent Christmas.

In Vancouver

Miss Lottie Bowron is spending a few days visiting friends in Vancouver.

Leaves for California

Miss May Brown left on Sunday morning for a short visit to California.

Returns to Seattle

Mr. Sam Putton has returned to Seattle after a short visit in the city.

Weddings

Lang-Glover

A quiet wedding was solemnized on Christmas Day at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Glover, 2434 Quadra Street, when their daughter, Marion Ethel, was united in marriage to Mr. Charles J. Lang, of Vancouver, Rev. W. Lee officiating. Owing to the illness of Mrs. Glover, only immediate relatives were present.

Kitto-Budd

A wedding was solemnized at the Church of Our Lord on Christmas Day, when Rev. A. de B. Owen united in marriage Miss Winnifred Esther Budd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Budd, of Leatherhead, Surrey, England, and Mr. Frank Lacey Kitto, son of the late Mr. A. P. Kitto and Mrs. Kitto, formerly of Port St. Mary, Isle of Man, now of Abingdon, England. The bride has a sister, Mrs. V. A. Green, living at Crease Avenue. The bride entered the church on the arm of her brother-in-law, Mr. V. A. Green, D.C.M., her veil caught to a coronet of orange blossoms and pearls. She was attended by her sister, Miss Queenie Budd, who was dressed in mauve and wore a black hat. Mr. Charles Fraser was best man. The bride and groom were the recipients of numerous presents. After touring the Sound cities the young couple will take up residence in Victoria.

Caston-Sparks

On Wednesday evening at Broadbent, 1115 Fort Street, in the presence of a large number of intimate friends of the principals, Rev. Dr. Campbell celebrated the marriage of Mr. Robert Gordon Caston and Miss Ruby Sparks, both of this city. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of flat Canton crepe and a pink hat, and carried a bouquet of pink Obelia roses. She was attended by Miss Marion Davies in a frock of white satin. The best man was Mr. Cyril P. C. Sparks, the bride's brother. Mrs. Sparks, the bride's mother, was matron of honor. After a honeymoon in the Sound cities, Mr. and Mrs. Caston will reside in Victoria.

Three Killed in Washout

MARTIN, ERNO, Miss, Dec. 27.—Van Martin, engineer, Lane Langford, brakeman, and Ernest Scott, fireman, were killed when the engine of a Gulf and Ship Island Railroad train plunged through a washed out trestle south of Silver Creek, Miss., Saturday.

PRETTY WEDDING IS CELEBRATED HERE

Miss Norma M. Kenney Becomes Bride of Mr. W. R. Smith at Charming Home Ceremony

A pretty wedding took place at the family residence, "Hitchwood," on Tuesday evening, December 21, when Miss Norma Mildred Kenney, daughter of Captain D. V. Kenney, became the bride of Mr. William Rodolph Smith, of Vancouver. Relatives and friends of the bride and groom, numbering about fifty, were present and were admitted at the door by little Miss Dorothy Sheppard.

To the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March, played by Miss Florence Collins, the bride, attended by Miss Muriel Hemson, entered the prettily decorated room on the arm of her father and took her place beneath a floral arch, from which was suspended a bell and where the groom, who was supported by Mr. Ronald Newell, as best man, awaited her.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. S. Patterson. The bride wore a white satin fall crepe dress with veil and orange blossoms, her only ornament being a diamond pendant, gift from the groom. She carried a bouquet of roses, carnations and maidenhair fern.

The bridesmaid was dressed in pale green satin and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. After the ceremony refreshments were served from decorated tables, the bride's table having in the centre the three-tier wedding cake.

Assisting in serving were girl friends of the bride, including Misses Elsie Kenney, Vera Collins, Sara McKel, Mildred Beattie, Ethel Diggon and Mabel Yard. Musical selections were enjoyed during the evening. Mrs. Dr. Kelley as vocal soloist; Dr. Bryce, violinist; Kathleen Clarke and Leslie Clark in violin and cornet selections.

An array of gifts testified to the esteem in which the bride and groom were held by their many friends. The gift from the groom to the bride was a gold signet ring, to the bridesmaid an ivory back brush.

The going away costume of the bride was a satin dress in cranberry shade with a coat to match of Australian cloth trimmed in moleskin, and hat of silver cloth. The couple, escorted by many of the guests, left later in the evening to board the midnight boat, when they were given a hearty send-off on their departure for the place where they intend in future to reside.

GYPSIES HAVE ODD MARRIAGE CUSTOM

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Jumping over a broomstick is all that is necessary for a young couple to do to become man and wife, under Romany law. This was explained by Martha Smyth, an aged Gypsy, who applied at Farnham for a pension. When asked to produce her birth and marriage certificates, she said that she and her husband had merely jumped over a broomstick at a fair and, according to Romany custom, were legally married. "And we have lived happily as man and wife for more than fifty years," she added. The old lady's application for pension was granted.

Presentation Made

Last week the City Temple choir had a most enjoyable evening during which a short choir practice was held. Presentation of a silver tabor dish was made by the vice-president, Dr. Estelle Kelly, on behalf of the choir to Miss Norma Kenney on the eve of her marriage. Dr. Cleve Davies presided during the business meeting, when the election of officers took place. Those elected was as follows: President, Dr. Davies; vice-president, Mr. J. Bryant; secretary, Miss Parfitt; treasurer, Mr. Bradbury; librarian, Mr. Pindley. Short addresses were given by the president, Dr. Davies, and the new president, Dr. Davies spoke of the excellent work of the choir and the untiring efforts of the choirmaster, Mr. Fred Waddington, who had done so much to make it a success. Games and music were enjoyed and refreshments were served.

Fashion Fancies

By Marie Belmont



Many of the nightgowns shown recently are worked out in two colors, and most of them, too, are marked by extreme simplicity of line. The one above, for instance, is done in rather deep blue chifon combined with flesh, with lace of deep blue marking the zig-zag joining of the two colors. For one who prefers pastel tints entirely, pale green and corn color would be effective, or pink and lavender. Then there is the always modish black and white.

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ABOLITION OF WOMEN SUBJECT OF DEBATE

Lively Discussion at Annual Dinner of Gray's Inn Debating Society—Lord Darnley's Views

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Lord Darnley, speaking at the annual dinner at Gray's Inn Debating Society, took a fling at the Cambridge undergraduates who recently offered a resolution that women ought to be "abolished."

"In my opinion," said his lordship, "it is a pity the resolution was not passed before they were born." The undergraduates' action was taken at a meeting of the Cambridge Union Society.

A. B. King-Hamilton, arguing for the resolution, charged that the women of today "were as double-faced as their ancestors." Rather than grow old, he said, "a woman dies when young. She bangles her arms, bingles her hair and bingles her face."

Defending the women, A. C. Townsend made a long dissertation on the highly-civilized way in which they rode bicycles and ate chocolates. They did powder their faces, he admitted, but he pointed to the advice of Nelson: "Trust in God and keep your powder dry."

The resolution lost, 144 to 191.

Since the debate King-Hamilton has received 335 abusive letters from women. Townsend, who championed the women, has received six proposals of marriage.

GREETINGS FROM DAME MCCARTHY

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—Dame Maud C. McCarthy, G.B.E., who toured the Dominion last summer, has cable greetings to all members of the Victorian Order of Nurses in Canada. Miss Elizabeth Smellie, Dominion superintendent of the order, today received the following cable:

"Affectionate Christmas greetings to you and members of the Victorian Order of Nurses in Canada."

Express Thanks

The Municipal Chapter, L.O.D.E., wishes to extend its hearty thanks for the donations sent in for their Christmas hampers by the primary chapters, members and friends of the order, as follows: H. M. S. Resolution, \$5; Gonzalez, \$13; Robert Burns McKicking, \$10; Florence Nightingale, \$10; Valentine Harvey Beaumont, \$5; Camosun, \$23; Royal Bride, \$2.70; Navy League, \$10; O. M. Jones, \$5; Daisy Chain, \$10; Lady Douglas, \$5; and Mrs. Galt, \$25; Miss K. Hall, \$1.65; Mrs. G. R. Chisholm, \$1; Mrs. Curtis Sampson, \$5; Miss Crease, \$5; Miss Duke, \$5; Mrs. Cross, \$5; Mrs. R. H. Bates, \$1; Mrs. J. R. Phillips, \$2; Mrs. A. F. Heasley, \$2; and Mrs. E. C. Hayward, \$2; Mrs. Reade, nuts and crackers; Mrs. Kippen, groceries and fruit cake; Miss K. Hall, plum pudding; Mrs. Sawyer, canned fruit; Royal Bride Chapter, aprons, dolls, toys and sweets; H. M. S. Resolution Chapter, scrap books and dolls in beds; Mrs. O. R. Parker, groceries and fruit; Mrs. H. Davies, groceries and fruit; Miss J. Crease, holly; Madames Sylvester, Campbell and Macrae, box apples; Mrs. H. Robertson, oranges, nuts, apples and crackers; Mr. Pemberton, box of holly; Miss B. Streetfield, oranges; Mrs. G. Tallamy, groceries, jam and pickles; Mrs. Heaven, teaspoons, safety razors and vegetables; Mrs. Ellis, jams, coffee and milk; Mrs. J. S. T. Alexander, Christmas crackers and sweets; Mrs. Walter Scott, roasts of beef; Mrs. Crawford, toys and games; Mrs. J. H. Gillespie, salmon and jams; Miss North, sweets, pears and jam; Mrs. Aish, fruit; Rennie & Taylor, fruit cake; Mrs. Streetfield, jams.

The Municipal Chapter wishes particularly to thank the Rev. A. de B. Owen for his contribution of a ham, and Mr. Fred Jendberg for their handsome contributions of vegetables and jam, and Mr. A. S. Christie for packing cases; Major Holmes and Mr. Harry Currie



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for their kind assistance, also the ladies who gave so freely of their time in receiving the donations and packing the hampers.

Christmas Treat

At the December meeting of the Hollywood Sunday School Ladies' Aid, four Bay arrangements were made for the Sunday School annual treat and Christmas tree, which will be held in the hall on Wednesday evening, Miss Mortimer has consented to convene the children's supper, which will be served at 5:30 o'clock, and the ladies are asked to assist in decorating the tree and the tables during the afternoon. The children's programme, arranged by Miss Winnie Urquhart, will commence at 7 o'clock, and friends are invited at that hour.

The annual business meeting of the Ladies' Aid will be held in the hall, Wildwood Avenue, on January 4 at 3 p.m., when annual reports will be given and officers for the year elected.

Foul Play Suspected
VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—A fractured skull and hemorrhages of the brain caused the death of Walter Scott in the General Hospital, December 25, after having been picked up in a dazed condition downtown. This has been revealed in the autopsy and police are investigating suggestions of foul play being responsible.

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Year-End Sales of Hudson's Bay Company's Fur Coats, Women's Fur-Trimmed Coats, Frocks and Millinery, Children's Coats and Frocks, Men's Overcoats and Suits, Men's Winter Footwear and Boys' Overcoats and Suits.

Year-End Sale of Household Drug Sundries

Seidlitz Powders, 25c value..... **10c**
Kruschen Salts, 75c value..... **37c**
Eco's Fruit Salt, large size..... **98c**
Castor Oil, large size, blue bottle, 35c value..... **22c**
Vinolia Palm and Olive Soap, 10c size..... **6 for 44c**
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Large Round Bath Soap, 20c size, 2 for 44c..... **29c**
Pebeco Tooth Paste, 50c size, 34c..... **21c**
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Tooth Brushes, 35c value..... **23c**
Tooth Brush Holders, 35c value for..... **69c**
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Local Turkeys, 8 to 12 lbs., lb. **56c**
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Fresh Chickens, 4 to 7 lbs., lb. **45c**
Fresh Fowl, 4 to 6 lbs., lb. **35c**
Alberta Turkeys, 6 to 8 lbs., per lb. **48c**
Alberta Turkeys, 8 to 12 lbs., per lb. **52c**
Alberta Turkeys, 12 to 18 lbs., per lb. **54c**

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Sirloin Roast, per lb. **28c**
Prime Rib Short, per lb. **26c**
Aitch Bone Roast, per lb. **27c**
Legs of Lamb, 5 to 8 lbs., lb. **40c**
Legs of Pork, trimmed, 9 to 14 lbs., per lb. **35c**

—Lower Main Floor, H.B.C.

Children's Books at 1/3 Off

Hundreds of Children's Books and Annuals clearing this week at one-third less than regular prices.

—Book Dept., Main Floor, H.B.C.

Toys at Half Price

Santa Claus has left us with a quantity of Toys to dispose of, and, in accordance with our usual practice, we are offering them for clearance at half regular prices. This offer applies to our entire stock of Toys, with the exception of wheel goods, Meccano and a few contract lines. Societies, clubs, etc., preparing for children's parties should not fail to take advantage of this opportunity.

—Toys Dept., 3rd Floor, H.B.C.

Year-End Sale of Fur Coats



What better way could you spend that Christmas cheque than buying for yourself a beautiful Fur Coat? During the last few days of the year we are offering some very special bargains which we invite you to investigate.

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25 Velour Hats reduced to..... **\$3.95**
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Overcoats and Suits At Year-End Clearance Prices



Winter Overcoats Reduced to \$19.95

Heavy and medium weight tweeds; many with leather yokes, others with art silk yoke and sleeves. Plain back, half belt and full-belted models with single or double-breasted fronts. Shown in light and dark shades. All sizes. Sale Price..... **\$19.95**

Winter Overcoats, Regular \$35.00 and \$40.00, for \$31.95

Tailored from extra heavy all-wool tweeds, blue chinchillas and velour finished fabrics. Double-breasted and single-breasted styles with plain backs, tube and half-belted effects. Lined with art silk and sateen. Sizes 35 to 44. Reg. \$35.00 and \$40.00. Sale..... **\$31.95**

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This season's newest and smartest materials, navy naps, fancy blue weaves, grey and fawn tweeds, also lovat and English tweed mixtures. Tailored by the best Canadian houses, in plain back, full and half-belted styles with set-in or raglan sleeves. Sizes 34 to 46. A wonderful opportunity to buy a high grade coat at a reasonable price. Regular \$50.00. Sale Price..... **\$39.95**

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Year-End Sale of Coats

This special Year-End Clearance of Coats, with its surprising reductions in prices, is bound to create a sensation among our friends. Our determination to considerably reduce stocks before the end of the year is your opportunity to buy a really good Winter Coat at a very decided saving.

Velour and Tweed Coats, Values to \$29.50, for \$12.95

Smart Velour Coats, made from all-wool materials and fully lined; also smart tweeds and plaids, with crushable collars of Arctic hare and mouflon. Sizes 16 to 40. Sale..... **\$12.95**

Tweed and Velour Coats, Values to \$49.50, for \$24.95

Stylish Coats in Novelty Tweeds, Plaids and All-Wool Velours. Have handsome collars of rich furs, many with cuffs to match. Lined with sateen de luxe, gloria silk. Sizes 16 to 42. Sale Price..... **\$24.95**

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A collection of smart frocks in Poirer twill, flannel, jersey cloth, etc. One-piece styles with kick pleats in skirt, long sleeves and new turn-over collars. Trimmed with buttons, bands and contrasting material and finished with neat ties. Shown in new colors. Sizes 16 to 38. Sale..... **\$6.95**

Afternoon Frocks, Values to \$35.00, for \$17.95

The very latest in black and new colors. Styles show straight lines, flares and pleated skirts. Long sleeves and new necks. Materials include crepe satin, crepe de Chine and georgette. Sizes 16 to 44. Sale Price..... **\$17.95**

Afternoon and Evening Frocks, Values to \$45.00 for \$24.95

A good selection of dresses, including some smart French models. Fashioned from satin, crepe, georgette, flat and crystal crepe with novelty trimmings of embroidery, beads and self materials. Sizes 16 to 38. Sale Price..... **\$24.95**

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Year-End Sale of Boys' Coats and Suits

Boys' Winter Coats

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Plain Blanket Cloth Coats

Servicable little coats with button-up collars, with and without belts; full lined. Shown in camel, brown, green and blue; sizes 1 to 3 years. Values to \$4.95. Sale Price, **\$3.69**

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Tailored Coats

In heavy quality plain back tweed, strictly tailored, convertible collar, raglan sleeves and belt across back. Shown in pretty mixtures. Sizes 6 to 14 years. Regular prices, \$7.95 to \$15.95. Sale Prices, **\$6.95 to \$13.95**

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Black Box Calf Boots

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Scotch grain uppers, Blucher style, half double welted soles and rubber heels, heavy duck lining. All sizes. Sale Price, per pair..... **\$5.50**

Black Box Calf Business Boots

Black box calf uppers. Balmoral style, single welted soles and rubber heels. Suitable styles for dress or business wear; all sizes. Sale Price, per pair..... **\$5.50**

Black Calf Street Oxfords

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At the Playhouses

SNAPPY HOLIDAY BILL AT DOMINION

Sprightly Dances Open Terpsichorean Contest in Conjunction With Norma Shearer's Film "Upstage"

A real holiday bill, attractive and snappy, is offered at the Dominion this week in addition to the special feature attraction, "Upstage," starring Norma Shearer, a real story of stage life affording the audience many intimate glimpses behind the scenes. As an additional attraction there is also presented Brydson & Jewell, a team of sprightly dancers who will appear on the Dominion stage giving an exhibition of the latest dances. These clever artists are entertaining every minute they are on the stage, and their various dance numbers mark them as exponents of grace and skill. Their clever act introduces the dance contest, which will give local terpsichoreans a chance to show their talent in the Charleston and other popular dances. Vaudeville and moving picture in one—that's the old achievement of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer in "Upstage." Norma Shearer's new starring vehicle, which is the screen feature attraction at the Dominion Theatre. It has all the glitter and glamor of a vaudeville show; all the laughs and thrills of the variety; and the romance and heart throbs of a wonderful screen story, all rolled into one concentrate of entertainment.

REGINALD DENNY IN FUNNIEST AT CAPITOL

"Take It From Me" Proves Inimitable Joker's One Best Guess for Movie Fans

"Take It From Me" is Reginald Denny's funniest picture. The Universal-Jewel production opened its engagement at the Capitol Theatre here last night to an enthusiastic audience of Denny fans who pronounced it a better farce even than "What Happened to Jones." "Where Was I?" or the many other light comedies have made him one of the screen's most popular stars. Starting with a bang as Denny, as an extravagant young heir, sinks the last dollar of his fortune on a horse which just can't win first place, the picture moves rapidly from one comedy situation to another. It is all plausible comedy, too, however fantastic it may seem, for every ridiculous situation is logically accounted for, and one's credulity is seldom taxed. It is another instance of why Denny has become so popular. His stories are barely preceptible exaggerations of what might happen to any adventurous young man with a great gift for getting himself into difficulties and the humanness of his pictures appeals to all of us.

PLAYHOUSE The French have long been noted as a home-loving people. They like the soil of their native land, its architecture, climate, and atmosphere. A striking example of this is the village of Fougere, a beauty who is appearing in her second American-made Paramount picture at the Playhouse Theatre. "The Cat's Pajamas" which is the story of the son and Ricardo Cortez. On her arrival in Hollywood, Miss Marchal stopped at one of the most fashionable hotels but she was disappointed in the high rates charged. Her French sense of economy didn't enjoy that sort of sumptuous grandeur. After a few days, she set out to rent a house.

COLUMBIA A Rin-Tin-Tin picture, "A Hero of the Big Snows," is the attraction at the Columbia Theatre today. Alice Calhoun, making her initial appearance as the heroine, is the heroine, and Don Alvarado plays opposite her in the role of a disheartened wanderer. Leo Willis appears as a villainous trapper and Mary Jane Miliken as the baby sister. In addition to these human actors, the cast includes Nanette, the ballet and elaborate ensembles delighted the grown-up portion of the large audience as well. The old story of "The Sleeping Beauty" is told in a new and very different way in the new picture. The story is a date quips and some very modern innovations. Joyous laughter greeted Ed. Redmond as the disgruntled queen, and the audience of the faithful donkey who is so clever that he saves the beautiful princess. Many pretty dances, including a children's ballet and elaborate ensembles embellish the show, and brilliant costumes, scenery and lighting effects, with tuneful melodies make a visit to the Coliseum this week an all too quickly passing delight.

COLISEUM The Victoria pantomime upon which the Coliseum curtain ascended yesterday is a show that went straight to the hearts of the kiddies and delighted the grown-up portion of the large audience as well. The old story of "The Sleeping Beauty" is told in a new and very different way in the new picture. The story is a date quips and some very modern innovations. Joyous laughter greeted Ed. Redmond as the disgruntled queen, and the audience of the faithful donkey who is so clever that he saves the beautiful princess. Many pretty dances, including a children's ballet and elaborate ensembles embellish the show, and brilliant costumes, scenery and lighting effects, with tuneful melodies make a visit to the Coliseum this week an all too quickly passing delight.

Girl-and-Music Medley
Put Over With Bang at Royal on Thursday
A medley is perhaps as good a way as any to describe that uniquely successful new girl-and-music success, "Capt. Plunkett's Revue of 1926," which comes to the Royal Theatre on Thursday, January 6, for a three-day engagement. A medley implies a very skilful blending of a number of interesting things with a very fine and finished result. That is Capt. Plunkett's Revue in a nutshell. If the word were not already so over-worked, the scenic production, lighting effects and the costumes could best be described as artistic. The general effect, at any rate, is both brilliant and beautiful. It is not often that the pictorial effect of a bit of staging draws spontaneous applause from an audience as the curtain goes up—but this happens to be one of the times. There are several scenes in this new arrival among the list of hits which come from the heading. Speed is one of the outstanding characteristics of the performance. Waits and hesitations are taboo, long drawn-out numbers verboten and encores of every sort barred.

NEXT WEEK'S ATTRACTIONS

The Screen
Capitol—"Take It From Me," starring Reginald Denny.
Columbia—"A Hero of the Big Snows."
Dominion—"Upstage" featuring Norma Shearer.
The Stage
Coliseum—"The Sleeping Beauty."
Playhouse—"Puss in Boots."
Crystal Garden—Swimming and Dancing.

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PRESENTATION OF GONZALES CHAPTER AT CAPITOL DELIGHTS BIG AUDIENCES

Dancing Numbers by Tots Special Feature of Fairy Story—Costumes and Scenery Beautiful

"Forty Minutes in Fairyland," charming Christmas pantomime which is being sponsored this week by the Gonzales Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire in conjunction with the regular programme of the Capitol Theatre, proved to be an overwhelming success. The fairy-like atmosphere which prevailed throughout yesterday's performance held the audiences at each of the three shows in rapt silence, only broken by the generous applause that greeted the youthful artists at the end of their parts.

Dancing, costumes and scenery are all very beautiful. The play groups about fairies and was most realistically put on. The dancing numbers, performed by some of the best of the younger talent in the city, including tiny tots and teen-aged girls, proved enchanting, and the impish groups of whickered gnomes, frogs and others in various colored attires, delighted all. Music for the dancing is by Prescott's orchestra.

Great credit for the success of the play is given to Mrs. L. A. Genge, regent of the chapter, and author of the play. Mrs. Dorothy Wilson, who taught the children the dancing numbers, and to the members of the Gonzales Chapter, who gave their time in making the pantomime such a success. The dancing numbers of the Misses Thomas J. Wilson, R. Miller, M. Miller, M. Milton and D. Wilson were excellent, while Mrs. Wilson, as the witch, and Dick Easton as the Fairy were admirable. The others in the cast played their parts gracefully.

There are several casts for the week of the play, and the main parts. Last night's performers were: Little girl, J. Thomas; butterfly, J. Wilson; rose fairy, R. Miller; sun, Miss Swabe; flower fairy, D. Wilson; C. Johnston; O. Harder, K. Morris, B. McIntosh, C. Fugle, N. Ackland, G. Kent; little girl, M. Milton; gnomes, G. Thomas, J. Mayhew, B. Power, D. Nicholson; green elves, C. Reid, B. Wilson, J. Wright, A. Miller; brown elves, J. McCarter, P. Graham, M. Scott; fairy queen, D. Wilson; Prince, R. V. Harter, P. Hawke, F. Smith, S. Taylor, E. Churchill; Peter Pan, Dick Eaton; witch, D. Wilson; bunnies, J. Wright, B. Wilson, W. Mayhew, B. Power; ducks, Scott Mellor, G. Fugle, P. Graham; frogs, Nicholson; Wallace, O. Harder; Fretwell; cats, C. Johnston, N. Ackland, B. McIntosh, D. Brox.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor is extending his patronage to the pantomime. He attended the afternoon's performance, arriving at the theatre at 3:45, when he will be received by Mrs. L. A. Genge, regent of the Gonzales Chapter, I.O.D.E., and Mrs. J. Hebdon Gillespie, regent of the Municipal Chapter.

Madame Kalich Gave Personal Attention to Selection of Staff

Listening, the capacity for intelligent, sympathetic, delicately attuned listening was the quality most of all looked for by Madame Kalich, the great tragedienne, in the members of the cast of "The Riddle Woman" when she started rehearsals in this sensational drama which she will present with the original company at the Royal Theatre, next Thursday. Indeed, it is to the careful development of this bit of technique on the part of her supporting company, individually and collectively, that the star of "The Riddle Woman" attributes the artistic but the popular success of this remarkable new drama written by Charlotte Wells and Dorothy Donnelly. Unless an actor can listen with all his ears and eyes and heart, listen with every nerve, muscle and tendon in his body at attention, he may never hope to be an artist.

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PUSS IN BOOTS IS DELIGHTFULLY FUNNY

Pantomime at Playhouse Is Even Better Than Story in Nursery Book

Children know ever so much more about "Puss in Boots" than any grown-up person can possibly remember. The play at the Playhouse, however, pronounced the Playhouse pantomime production of the story delightful, the verdict of the youngsters in the audience ought to be allowed to take precedence. And their verdict, to judge by the hand-clapping and shrieks of enjoyment heard all the way through the matinee and evening performances yesterday, is that it is scrumptious!

It is the real old nursery version of the tale, and yet there are even more things than the story book tells. There is Puss, of course, and the fairies, Gabriel (the only person who can sit on that dreadful seat without coming to grief), the giant, the Marquis of Carabas, Lord Lechabar, the nursemaid, and other characters. They all furnished something excruciatingly funny, particularly the great, tall king with his floppy moustache; the strident over-busy queen, who was a sight to behold when she came out of her imprisonment in the coal cellar; and Bess and Pimple, two detached kind of folk who wandered in and out of the palace in the weirdest way. The most ecstatic moment, from the audience's point of view, was the comedy luncheon party, in the first scene of the pantomime, which kept the on-lookers in gales of laughter.

There were some very pretty incidents in the pantomime, too. The dancing was very dainty. Miss Roberta Holcom, resplendent in shimmering white and with a star-pointed wand, made a charming fairy queen and performed two beautiful and spirited dances. Miss Helen Back, as "Puss," gave a mischievous little dance which brought much applause; and Little Gaby Marshall, as a little milliner, in shrimp-colored satin and wicker bonnet, did a very graceful toe dance.

There were several entertaining musical numbers, including the comical "The King of the Cats," sung by the queen (Will Marshall), whose patter, addressed to girls in general, must be heard to be appreciated.

There will be a matinee and evening performance each day for the remainder of the week.

Lonely Girl Suicides
TORONTO, Dec. 27.—Poison taken by Miss Agnes Paton, twenty-six, on December last, proved fatal over the week-end. The girl, it is understood, took the fatal dose because she was lonely. She came from Scotland.

Calcutta Foursomes Final Is Decided

Dr. Scott-Moncrieff and Art Bealey won the Calcutta foursomes competition of the Victoria Golf Club when they defeated W. L. McIntosh and Chas. E. Wilson in the final round two up and one to play.

HARRY COOPER WINS FROM GEORGE DUNCAN

Is Seven Up With Five to Play at End of Seventy-Two Hole Match at Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—One of England's famous golf professionals, George Duncan, was defeated yesterday by "Lighthouse" Harry Cooper, Los Angeles \$10,000 open champion, seven up and five to play, in a seventy-two hole match.

Aside from the international aspect of the battle, there was added interest because Duncan is twice the age of Cooper.

Youth conquered, despite a serious handicap. Early in the day, Cooper developed a severe case of pleurisy. It threatened to keep him from finishing the game, but he was tightly bound in bandages and managed to play through.

Yesterday's half of the match was played at the Lakeside Country Club. When the first half was finished last week at the Potrero Country Club, Cooper was leading by five holes.

The first time Duncan ever saw the golfer who beat him yesterday was twenty years ago in England. Cooper's father was the instructor on a course near that over which Duncan taught beginners.

"I just remember Harry as a little totter when I went to visit his father one day," Duncan said after his defeat. "It's strange that the baby I saw then should defeat me on a golf course way out in California, 5,000 miles away."

More than 1,000 spectators saw the match.

Sickness Cancels Hockey Fixtures

Sickness on the part of the members of the Tillamook was responsible for the cancellation of last night's hockey fixtures. The clubmen were scheduled to meet the Shells, while the Colonists were to have played the United Services. These games will be played at a later date.

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Frenchman Wins Again
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—For the third successive time this year, Andrew Roulet, of France, tonight won a judges' decision over Eddie Anderson, of Wyoming, outboxing and outfighting the Western fighter in a bout of ten rounds. Roulet weighed 126, a pound less than his foe.

Ramblings Defeated
VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—Kamloops senior basketballers went down to defeat tonight before St. Andrew's Crusaders, 34 to 28, in the first game of an exhibition series to be played in this city by the Interior city squad. The game tonight was evenly contested.

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SHIP EXPLOSION ROCKS VANCOUVER

Fully-Laden Gasoline Carrier Blows Up and Is Destroyed at Barnet

Two Men Receive Injuries—Snow and Rain Held Responsible for Saving Shell Company

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—Exploding with a roar that could be heard all over the eastern end of Burrard Inlet on Sunday at 1:35 p.m., the tanker Hilda was destroyed and sank at her moorings near the Shell Oil Company's wharf at Barnet, and Oscar and James Orpana were badly injured by the blast. At a late hour last night, Oscar Orpana, who sustained fractures and serious burns, was in a precarious condition, while James, his brother, had been allowed to proceed to his home.

The Hilda, a sixty-foot coast boat equipped with steel oil tanks, was loaded to capacity with 5,500 gallons of gasoline, and was quickly enveloped from her mooring, picked up by a barge and proceeded to North Vancouver, whence she was to be towed to Victoria. Under charter to Armon & McIntyre, oil contractors with offices at the foot of Gore Avenue, the boat, valued at \$15,000, was towed by James Orpana, who lives at 6729 Spr-

ing Street, and was insured for \$10,000.

Halted Twenty Feet Backing out Sunday afternoon, James Orpana, who was in the engine room, suddenly heard the terrible roar and was thrown against the side of the boat. He was severely, but not dangerously, burned. Oscar, on the steel deck, was walking forward and was hurled from the boat to the Shell wharf, a distance of about twenty feet. Both ankles were broken, his hands badly lacerated, his right wrist fractured, and his head and face seriously burned. The force of the explosion tore his clothing to shreds.

Summoned from his home at 4170 Albert Street, Dr. H. H. Planché rushed to the scene, rendered first aid and sent both men to the hospital, where blood transfusions were resorted to in the effort to save the life of Oscar Orpana, for which hope of recovery is held out. After three hours treatment, James, swathed in bandages, was allowed to proceed to his home in a motor car.

Roused by the blast, residents of Barnet hurried to the scene from the town, about half a mile away, and, aided by the Shell Company's officials, fought the fire that quickly enveloped the half-sunken boat. The North Burnaby fire department arrived while the flames still swept the decks of the Hilda, and succeeded in bringing three hose lines into play. Then started the battle to save the Shell wharf and the oil tanks nearby. Forced from the tanks through the air vents the gasoline spurted into the flames, which leaped high above the decks, and firemen and residents waged desperate war for nearly two hours before all danger to the wharf was removed. Then the remains of the boat, twisted steel sailing in the icy waters, were abandoned to their fate, the boat a total loss that leaves only useless wreckage to be lifted and removed from the depths beside the wharf.

Weather Saved Wharf That the snow and rain undoubtedly saved the wharf and possibly the entire plant of the Shell Company at Barnet is the opinion of those who helped to fight the blaze. Rushing out at the sound of the explosion, H. H. Wolsley, a foreman at the plant, organized the fire fight, but had a narrow escape from death when the explosion threw heavy debris on the wharf beside him.

The Orpana brothers are Icelanders who have spent the greater portion

RESCUED MEN TELL GRIM TALE OF SEA

Captain and Crew Work Pumps for Ten Days and Nights Before Being Taken Off

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Dec. 27.—Retelling a grim story of a desperate battle with the sea, Newfoundland fishermen rescued off the coast of Spain when their 185-ton vessel, Catherine M. Burgess, Newfoundland, was wrecked last November, arrived here Christmas Day on the C.P.R. liner Montclair. They will proceed to their homes.

The men are: Isaac Anderson, boatwain; Henry Standing, mate; William Ingraham, cook, and George Major and Edward James, sailors. Captain George Douglas, the men said, returned by another route.

The vessel sailed in command of Captain George Douglas and the five men mentioned, on October 30. On November 5 they struck a hurricane. The ship started leaking very badly and they kept drifting in and out of the hurricane for ten days and nights with all hands manning the pumps during the period, but no headway could be made on the water in the cold and the men finally had to refuse duty at the pumps from exhaustion. The men were rescued on November 18, being taken off by a Spanish sardine steamer, the name of which they could not learn.

The Imperial Oil tanker, Montclair, was floated into the new Hong Kong drydock early yesterday morning for cleaning, painting and minor repairs by Yarrows Limited. Work is expected to take from three to four days to complete. On January 3, the M. line, operated by same company, will go into the Esquimaux drydock for general repairs by Yarrows.

Inbound from the United Kingdom, via Halifax, the C.P.R. liner, Canadian Transporter, called at the Ogden Point Piers early yesterday morning. Before proceeding to Vancouver, 200 tons of freight was discharged here.

The C.G.M.M. freighter Canadian Ranger is expected to dock here late Wednesday or early Thursday, direct from Montreal. The vessel is carrying considerable cargo for discharge at this port and will clear for Vancouver from here.

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CUTTER RETURNS WITH KIDNAPPED MECHANIC

One of Men Shattered by Arsenic J. Arrives Back at Mobile—Case Attracts Attention

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 27.—The coast-guard cutter Tallapoosa, dispatched to Mexico two weeks ago upon an unannounced mission, returned to port last night with Motor Mechanic Handley, one of two government men kidnapped on the French liquor ship Arsenic J. Handley reported that J. B. Mathews, assistant prohibition administrator at New Orleans, and his companion aboard the runaway boat, is returning to New Orleans by rail.

The Arsenic J. disappeared November 22 and turned up at Puerto, Mexico, three weeks ago with Handley and Mathews yet in command. They had been taken off their course, the prohibition men said, by the crew, which they declared was not a case of the complications arising over the ship with France, Mexico, Great Britain and the United States. The case attracted wide attention.

The Arsenic J., a French schooner with a British master, escaped from American custody and put into a Mexican port.

TUG SHEPODY GROUNDS IN THICK SNOWSTORM

Captain and Crew Escape to Shore—Vessel Slides Off in Falling Tide and Sinks

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—In a thick snowstorm on Thursday night the tugboat Shepody, owned and operated by Captain Edmund Kinne, of Vancouver, ran on a pinnacle rock at Yellow Point, six miles south of here. The captain and crew escaped to shore, and the tugboat slid off and sank with the falling tide.

The cargo being towed by the Shepody drifted ashore and rested easily without damage. It is not thought the tug is holed. The wrecking outfit of the Vancouver Docking & Salvage Company, Limited, has gone to salvage her.

Capt. Kinne and his men struggled through the snow on shore, to a farmhouse, and then went on to Lady Smith to telephone Vancouver. Another tug was dispatched and picked up the cargo, making delivery a few hours later.

Captain Johnstone Dies

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—Capt. Charles Johnstone, Seattle, who in 1911 converted the Glory of the Seas, a clipper built in 1869, into the world's first floating cannery, died here today. Capt. Johnstone, a seaman, was credited here with erecting the first concrete structure in Alaska, the Tongass Building, at Ketchikan. He was born in Detroit in 1858.

Parana Starts Loading

The Danish steamer Parana, docked at the Ogden Point wharves yesterday morning to commence loading 1,300,000 feet of lumber from local mills. The vessel expects to finish here on Thursday. The cargo is being loaded to the ship by the Ogden Point wharves.

Ocean and Coastwise Movements

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Paul Luckenbach, La. Purissima, Portland; Texan, N.Y. Harbor, H. T. Harper, H. F. Alexander, San Francisco; Mauna, Honolulu, Sailed: West Nimrod, Chidlar, Alaska, Julia Luckenbach, Tacoma; Cordova, Southeastern Alaska.

VALDEZ, Dec. 27.—Sailed: Northwestern, southbound.

TACOMA, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Jacob, San Pedro; Julia Luckenbach, Seattle; Noorderdyk, Portland; Jacob, Sound ports; Julia Luckenbach, Seattle.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—Arrived: Admiral Selby, San Francisco; West Katana, New York; Sylvan Arrow, Johan Poulsen, Hives, Los Angeles; Sailed: Admiral Selby, San Francisco; West Katana, New York; Sylvan Arrow, Johan Poulsen, Hives, Los Angeles.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Minnesota, Boston; San Juan, Boston; Carmel, Gray Harbor; Port Julia Luckenbach, Seattle; Derek, Port San Luis; Nome City, Ruth Alexander, Harvard, San Pedro; Monterey, New York; Adeline, Vancouver; Talahol, Multnomah, Astoria; Anne Hanly, San Diego; Stockton, Manilla; Oregonian, Tacoma; Sailed: F. A. Varner, Cos. Hays, Multnomah; San Pedro; Luck Monar, Portland; Canadian Farmer, Vancouver.

Arrived

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Nodho, San Pedro; London Importer, San Francisco.

GLASGOW, Dec. 25.—Montgomeryshire, San Pedro.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 27.—Iowan, Seattle.

Sailed

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 23.—Seine Maru, Portland, Ore.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Samuel O. Brown, San Pedro.

PANAMA CANAL, Dec. 24.—Willard, Orinco, San Pedro; Canadian Seigneur, San Francisco.

STEAMER ARRIVALS

Salacia, St. John from Glasgow; Lord Downshire, at St. John from Belfast.

Lord Londonderry, at St. John from Belfast.

Montclair, at St. John from Liverpool.

Canadian Volunteer, at St. John from British West Indies.

Hours, at St. John from Rotterdam.

Berkyn, at St. John from Glasgow.

WIRELESS REPORT

Estevan, 3 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

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MOELLER'S CARGO ORDERED SEIZED

OTTAWA INSTRUCTS COLLECTOR DAVEY TO REMOVE LIQUOR FROM SHIP

Vessel Detained Here Since Sighting of Royal Commission Will Be Released When Holds Cleared

Work on unloading the liquor-laden five-masted auxiliary schooner Chris Moeller, now held at Ogden Point piers by order of the Royal Commission, which was in session here recently investigating customs offenders, will begin as soon as tenders for the job can be received from stevedoring companies. Collector Fred W. Davey announced last night, after receiving yesterday by Mr. Davey from the acting deputy minister of Excise and Customs at Ottawa, the order of the seizure of the ship and the release of the ship as soon as this was completed.

Valued at \$350,000 Mr. Stuart Henderson, acting as counsel for the charter and captain, when spoken to over the telephone declared that he was not counsel for the cargo owners and declined to make any statement as to what he thought might be done to have the seizure lifted.

The Chris Moeller has on board over 17,000 cases of liquor valued at about \$350,000. The 3,700 cases, which were to be landed at this port, do not come under the seizure order. It is understood that an attempt will be made to prevent the cargo being unloaded from the vessel.

Report Confirmed

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—Customs Department officials today confirmed reports from Victoria that the liquor-laden Chris Moeller would be allowed to clear from Victoria, minus her cargo. The reason given is that there is nothing against the ship, but that the cargo is being made in regard to the cargo.

The destination of the cargo, according to declarations made on the ship's papers, was San Blas, Mexico, but witnesses before the Customs commission stated that the liquor was destined for consumption in Los Angeles and San Francisco. The department here made no comment when advised that legal action might be taken to prevent the disembarking of the liquor, beyond saying that the customs collector at Victoria had received his instructions.

LOCHMONAR EXPECTED THURSDAY OR FRIDAY

Motorship Has About 200 Tons for Discharge Here—Is Carrying Big Cargo for Vancouver

Inbound from the United Kingdom and way ports, the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's motorship Lochmonar is expected at this port either Thursday or Friday. The vessel is bringing in close to 200 tons of mixed freight for local discharge.

For Vancouver the ship is carrying 1,400 tons of cargo, including liquor, machinery, British-made goods, steel and general freight, and two passengers. Outward consignments to be loaded at Vancouver will include 3,000 tons of bulk wheat; 5,000 boxes of apples; 800 tons of lead, and a large amount of frozen fish and canned salmon. Six passengers also will board the ship there for the return voyage to Liverpool, Southampton, London and Rotterdam.

Shipping Information

SUNRISE AND SUNSET
Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific Standard time) at Victoria, B.C., for the month of December, 1926.

Day	Sun. Rise	Sun. Set	Day	Sun. Rise	Sun. Set
1	7:54	4:21	17	8:01	4:19
2	7:55	4:21	18	8:02	4:19
3	7:56	4:21	19	8:03	4:19
4	7:57	4:21	20	8:04	4:19
5	7:58	4:21	21	8:05	4:19
6	7:59	4:21	22	8:06	4:19
7	8:00	4:21	23	8:07	4:19
8	8:01	4:21	24	8:08	4:19
9	8:02	4:21	25	8:09	4:19
10	8:03	4:21	26	8:10	4:19
11	8:04	4:21	27	8:11	4:19
12	8:05	4:21	28	8:12	4:19
13	8:06	4:21	29	8:13	4:19
14	8:07	4:21	30	8:14	4:19
15	8:08	4:21			
16	8:09	4:21			

Shipping Calendar

To Arrive

London Shipper—From United Kingdom, December 28.

Protestant—From Orient, December 21.

To Sail

President Madison, for Orient, December 21.

Empress of Russia, for Orient, December 26.

Alabama Maru, for Orient, December 30.

Shidzuoka Maru, for Orient, December 30.

TRANS-PACIFIC MAILS

DECEMBER, 1926

China and Japan

Empress of Canada—Mails close December 4, 5 p.m. Due at Yokohama December 14, Shanghai, December 20; Hong Kong, December 25.

President Grant—Mails close December 12, 4 p.m. Due at Yokohama December 24; Shanghai, December 29; Hong Kong, January 2.

Tyndarus—Mails close December 16, 12 noon. Due at Yokohama December 31; Hong Kong, January 11.

London Maru—Mails close December 17, 11 p.m. Due at Yokohama January 2.

President Madison—Mails close December 26, 5 p.m. Due at Yokohama January 6; Shanghai, January 10; Hong Kong, January 13.

Alabama Maru—Mails close December 30, 4 p.m. Due at Yokohama January 14.

Australia and New Zealand

Berra—Mails close December 13, 4 p.m. Due at Sydney January 6.

Aorangi—Mails close December 16, 4 p.m. Due at Auckland January 21; Sydney, January 8.

Tahiti—Mails close January 24, 4 p.m. Due at Wellington January 17; Sydney, January 21.

Princess Maquie, at Matilda Creek, 4 p.m., southbound.

E. D. Kingsley, Vancouver to San Francisco; 42 miles south of Cape Klaskan.

Three Tugs Fail to Pull Off Franconia

SAN JUAN, Dec. 27.—Although three tugs worked all day in an endeavor to pull off the Cunard liner Franconia, the ship was still fast aground late this afternoon, with little prospect of being released unless more powerful vessels came to her assistance. A strong sea current was driving the vessel further on the mud bank. The ship grounded near the entrance to San Juan.

ORIENTAL FISHING LICENCES REDUCED

Cut of Five Per Cent Over Last Year Ordered by Department of Marine and Fisheries

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—The number of licences to be issued to Orientals for salmon trolling and cod fishing in 1927 is to be reduced by five per cent, according to word received by Major J. A. Motherwell, chief inspector of fisheries, from the Department of Marine and Fisheries at Ottawa. In 1926, the department instituted a policy for the reduction of the number of Oriental fishermen. At present they are allowed to troll for salmon only in the Vancouver Island district, and each year a substantial reduction has been made in the number of licences.

Curtalement of thirty-three and one-third per cent in the number of Oriental licences was ordered in 1922, and in 1923 the total of the previous year was reduced by twenty-five per cent. In 1924 occurred a further cut of ten per cent and the total of that year dropped fifteen per cent in 1925. This year a second fifteen per cent reduction was made.

In 1921, in the Vancouver Island district, there operated 371 white fishermen, 155 Indians, and 438 Orientals, or a total of 1,965 salmon trolling licences issued. In 1926, of the 1,629 licences issued, 1,906 were granted to white fishermen, 281 to Indians and 182 to Orientals.

Weather Report

Estevan—Overcast; east, strong; 30.16; 41; rough.

Pachena—Cloudy; southeast, strong; 30.19; 45; rough.

Cape Bale—Overcast; east; 30.10; moderate.

Carmah—Overcast; east; 30.10; heavy swell.

Alert Bay—Rain; southeast, strong; 30.00; 40; rough.

Cape Lazo—Part cloudy; southwest, strong; 30.10; 42; rough.

Herring Season Will Close on February 5

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—Close season for herring fishing in the Vancouver Island district will commence on February 5 of each year as the result of an order-in-council passed recently at Ottawa. Word to this effect has been received by Major J. A. Motherwell, Chief Inspector of Fisheries.

In previous years the close season has been declared at the discretion of the chief inspector. It was set usually when the herring commenced to spawn. In the future the season for fishing will end on February 5. As herring are used extensively as bait for halibut, provision is made under the regulations for fishing for herring in the close season, when the catch is to be used only as bait. Permission for this privilege must be obtained from the chief inspector.

Jackson Kept Waterfront Men Busy Christmas Day

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DISCOVER CATACOMB OF "SEVEN SLEEPERS"

Excavations at Ephesus Result in Alleged Location of Burial Place of Christian Martyrs

SMYRNA, Asia Minor, Dec. 27.—Resumption of the excavations at Ephesus, interrupted for a number of years, has finally brought to light the long-sought for catacombs of the early Christian martyrs, known as the "Seven Sleepers of Ephesus."

The systematic search for pre-Christian antiquities in this part of Asia Minor was taken up last fall by the Museum of Smyrna with the assistance of the well-known archaeologists, Professors Kell, Theuer and Müller, of Vienna, and Professor Dieleman, theological historian of the University of Berlin.

After the workmen had cleared away great piles of debris and stone on the rugged slopes of the burial grounds of Ephesus, the adjoining tombs of the Seven Sleepers were disclosed.

Early Christian Art.
The tombs contained many lamps of manifold designs, among which were several specimens of fine sculptural art with attractive representations of early Christian scenes, all bearing the monogram of Christ. According to legend, seven Christian youths about 250 A.D., hid themselves from pursuit in a cave. Their hiding place was discovered and the entrance blocked. The martyrs then fell asleep. Nearly 200 years later a herdsman discovered the cave, and letting in light, awoke the inmates. The Emperor Theodosius II, hearing of this, hastened to the spot in time to hear from the martyrs that God had wrought this marvel to confirm the belief in the resurrection of the dead. After having delivered their message the martyrs again fell asleep.

Liquor Control Head Studies Recent Charges

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—Commissioner Hugh Davidson, of the Liquor Control Board, stated Sunday that he has been studying the evidence given at the Customs inquiry which pertained to matters affecting his staff, but had as yet decided on no course of action. "We have to find out just what is true and what is not and treat everybody fairly," said Mr. Davidson. Asked if there was to be a public inquiry, he stated that he had no such idea in mind at present, but he desired to get all the facts before taking any action whatever. Mr. Davidson will spend the next two or three days in Vancouver.

Jealous Man's Crime.
DETROIT, Dec. 27.—Enraged by jealousy, according to police, Abraham Alberts, a Syrian merchant, slashed to death his wife, Mary, forty-one, and a boarder, John Rabady, twenty-eight, and seriously wounded a nephew, Waddie Hannah, at Highland Park, a suburb, Saturday. Hannah was wounded when he attempted to intervene. Alberts was disarmed and arrested by police.

Centenarian Lady.
HAMILTON, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Sarah Sutherland, aged 103, died here yesterday morning at the home of a friend. She was born in Cork, Ireland.

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VICTORIA GYROS ENTERTAIN BOYS

OFFICIALS OF BOYS' PARLIAMENT OF B.C. ARE HONORED AT FETE

Governor Dean Coleman, Premier Foote and Mr. Babcock Tell of Work and Purpose of Body

Victoria Gyros were hosts to officials and members of the Cabinet of the Boys' Parliament of British Columbia at their weekly luncheon session yesterday in the Chamber of Commerce. An enthusiastic welcome was tendered the visitors by the clubmen, who displayed a keen interest in the outlines given by several speakers of the work and purposes of the Parliament.

Premier Roger Foote told the gathering how the boys' work programmes originally were started, and traced their spread until the period when the churches and national boys' work of the Y.M.C.A. in Canada organized the Canadian Standard Efficiency Training. The present programme was four-aided, dealing with the intellectual, physical, religious and social spheres of life, and was based on society, the home, the school and work. The Boys' Parliament was started in this province four years ago. It had afforded the boys splendid training in Canadian citizenship. The Gyros were congratulated upon the interest they had shown in the work of the boys.

Anxious to Give Service.
Mr. Clifford Babcock, leader of the Opposition in the Boys' Parliament, gave his hearers an account of what the Boys' Parliament was trying to do. It was anxious to give service and was considering legislation to make this province a better British Columbia, particularly as regards the welfare of "slang" manhood was concerned.

"We are out to benefit the boys of British Columbia and we now contemplate a national parliament. We are interested in the boys of our country, and in world brotherhood," Mr. Babcock declared.

That it was a stroke of genius that prompted the organization of the Boys' Parliament four years ago, was the statement of Dean J. T. J. Coleman, of the University of British Columbia, who is officiating as lieutenant-governor of the Boys' Parliament, now in session in Victoria.

Mother of Parliaments.
Dean Coleman observed that the Boys' Parliament was modeled after the "Mother of Parliaments." There were now 125 parliaments in the world modeled after the British Parliament.

"The Barbarian Lover"

By MARGARET PEDLER

CHAPTER II. Pink Sugar Lings

"Well, what is it, Lorimer?" The Commissioner spoke abruptly, with the harshness born of hidden tension. He and the travel-stained stranger who had intruded upon the Residency garden-party were standing together in a secluded part of the grounds, out of earshot of any of the guests.

"It's murder—and will be riot if you don't interfere pretty quickly." "Ah-h!" Luttrell sucked in his breath sharply and the gravity of his face deepened. "I was afraid it was something pretty serious. Otherwise you wouldn't have—" "Impertinent the prestige of the British Government by presenting myself at the Residency in this get-up?" To say nothing of shocking the ladies of Coomara? Kerry Lorimer laughed sardonically. "No, Chief, I still retain a few primary instincts of civilization. Only the urgency of the matter induced me to break in upon you this afternoon."

"I know, I know—with a smile." "Well, what are the facts?" Lorimer recounted them briefly. It appeared that the headman of Shantall, a village within Luttrell's district, had been murdered and that, in consequence, a violent fracas had ensued between the inhabitants of Shantall and those of the neighboring village of Lakapur, a fracas which seemed likely to contain the germ of dangerous developments. "Gopal Singh's at the bottom of it all, as usual," pursued Lorimer. "He ran off with a Shantall man's wife and the zemindar [the headman of the village] took up the matter and declared he should report it to headquarters."

"No report's come in." Lorimer laughed grimly. "No. Gopal Singh killed the old man off quick, before he could get information, and now Gopal Singh, and the fellow whose wife he has appropriated, together with their respective relatives and a few of the zemindar's thrown in as a make-weight, are all at each other's throats. Both villages are in an uproar, and of course it may easily spread. We can't afford to let things rip. The budwashes have been pretty active lately in that part of the District, as you know, and there's a certain amount of disaffection there, ready to be fanned into flame on the slightest provocation."

"The zemindar was loyal enough," interposed Luttrell. The other man nodded. "Yes, old Raram was staunch to the core. That's just it. They're trying to fatten it on to us through his intention to report. Fear of British interference in a purely domestic matter, of course—you know the sort of excuses they trump up when they're spoiling for a cheerful little row."

The Commissioner reflected for a moment. "I'll ride out myself—to-night," he said at last. "As you say, we can't afford to let it spread. We don't want a conflagration over nothing."

"And do the thing in style, Chief," counselled Lorimer. "Take a detachment of cavalry along. You'll probably need 'em before you're through"—with a grin. Luttrell responded with a brief grimace. "A pacific policy in dealing with the native is our political specialty," he observed, a dry note of irony in his voice. "Nevertheless, you must come along and have some grub. I'll get my daughter to look after you—I'd better see Grant about this job right away."

"I won't refuse that offer. I started before dawn and haven't eaten since."

"Man, you must be famished!"

lament, and this would not have occurred if there had not been something of value to mankind in the old English Parliament.

"I know of no better surroundings, where soberness, reflection and liberalism will mark the work of the youthful legislators, than the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia," concluded Dean Coleman.

Festive greetings were received by the Gyros from Mr. George de la Mothe, from Hobart, Tasmania. Mr. de la Mothe was an active member of the Victoria Gyro Club, prior to his departure some time ago for the Antipodes.

An invitation was received for members to attend the annual installation ceremonies of the Gyro Club of Prince Rupert, which will be held in the Northern city on Wednesday evening, January 26.

Enjoyable pianoforte solos were rendered by Gyro Charles Hunt.

MOUNTIE BURNED TO DEATH IN FAR NORTH

Constable F. Rhodes, R.C.M.P., Victim of Tragedy in Remote Part of Northwest

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—In a fire which destroyed their quarters at Rae, a remote post in the Northwest Territories, on December 6 last, Constable F. Rhodes of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police was burned to death, while another constable was severely hurt, according to a delayed report reaching police headquarters here today. News of the tragedy was carried on foot from Rae, at the most northerly end of the Great Slave Lake, to Fort Smith, a journey of almost four hundred miles, from where it was sent by wireless. The official report stated that the fire destroyed the quarters of Constable Rhodes and Constable F. L. Armstrong, spread to the "B" Building and destroyed its contents. Constable Armstrong was showing marked recovery from his injuries. The men's station is situated in the Great Bear Lake country, which is inhabited by the Dog Luba tribe of Indians, known as the last fringe of Indians on the continent, and is one of the most remote mounted posts in existence.

Fatal Shooting Accident

REGINA, Dec. 27.—Wounded by a bullet from a .22 rifle in the hands of his sixteen-year-old brother Arthur, Frank Wilbert Genshorn, eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Genshorn, who reside south of Grand Coulee, died in the barn on his farm before medical aid reached him, Christmas Eve.



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CANADIAN RADIO RECEPTION FAULTY

Report of Federal Department Shows Conditions Are Unsatisfactory to Listeners-In

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—With a total for the first eight months of the year of 144,184 radio owners in Canada having taken out annual Government licences, it is estimated in a report of the Federal Radio Department just issued here that there are approximately 1,000,000 persons listening "on the air" regularly in Canada at present. The report says a conservative calculation is that only fifty per cent of the radio owners pay

licence fees, which means that there are probably 500,000 radio sets in the country. The one million figure is reached on that basis that there is an average of three persons listening in on each set.

Western Licences.
For the first eight months of the current fiscal year the number of licences issued in Western provinces from April 10 to November 30, 1926, was: Alberta, 8,857; British Columbia, 10,139; Manitoba, 12,513; Saskatchewan, 15,331; Northwest Territories, 14; Yukon, 23. Ontario was the leader with 64,785.

Wave lengths of the radio broadcasting stations in Canadian cities may have to be changed, the report states, as a result of negotiations now in progress between Canada and the United States.

C. E. Whitney-Griffiths Elected B.C. Director

Angus L. Hay, of Cranbrook, has been elected British Columbia director of the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association. Others elected were: Maritime Provinces, A. G. Dickson, Box 434, Chatham, N.B.; Manitoba, Andrew Graham Roland, Man.; Saskatchewan, Philip Leach, Saskatoon; and C. M. Leamouth, Department of Public Works, Regina, Sask.

Eleven Traffic Deaths

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—Traffic accidents claimed eleven lives between Christmas eve and Sunday night. Eight were killed by autos of which five were driven by persons who left their victims lying in the street and evaded capture. Three persons were killed by street cars.

Riches Indicate Suicide

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 27.—Louis Ruff, about fifty-seven, professor of mathematics in Louisville University, was found dead in his room at a local hotel yesterday. Discovery of which five were driven by persons who left their victims lying in the street and evaded capture. Three persons were killed by street cars.

Winnipeg Grain Letter

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The total issue of Hiram Walker & Sons, Ltd., which will be offered in the new year, H. C. Halsey, The Globe last night that the issue of the \$10,000,000 capital will be subscribed privately. Of 160,000 shares will be offered a share without par value."

(Supplied by R. F. Clark & Co., Ltd.)
Explosion in the Vulcan on Friday
blew separator to pieces. Damaged
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off. The cause is not known, al-
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These are made from plaid materials, straightline, side fastening, set-in sleeves and fur collar; fully lined; sizes 16 to 42. On sale for

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COATS**

Coats of Fancy Tweed Materials, with large fur collars, patch pockets and side fastening. Also tailored tweed coats, double breasted and with notch collar. Sizes 16 to 42. On sale for

\$7.50**Fur-Trimmed Coats, \$10.00**Novelty Tweed Coats, with gathered fur collar and patch pockets, and heavy tweed tailored models, double breasted and with patch pockets. Sizes 16 to 42. On sale for.....**\$10.00****Fur-Trimmed Coats, \$15.00**Coats of Marvella, Pinpoint and Plaid Materials, with gathered or shawl collars of fur, and attractively trimmed; large patch pockets and fully lined. All popular shades. Sizes 16 to 48. On sale for.....**\$15.00****Fur-Trimmed Coats, \$20.00**Coats of Pinpoint, Marvella and Tweed, with fur collar and cuffs. Very stylish wrap-over models, and tailored models, with patch pockets and inverted pleat. Sizes 16 to 50. On sale for.....**\$20.00****Fur-Trimmed Coats, \$25.00**Coats of Pinpoint, Velour and Tweed; very dressy models, trimmed with sealine, fitch, Thibetina, moufflon, opossum. Shades of grey, navy, brown and black. On sale for.....**\$25.00****High-Grade Fur-Trimmed
Coats**Coats of duvetyne, velour and pinpoint with fur collars and cuffs trimmed with buttons or fancy stitching. Colors are brown, navy, rosewood, grey and cocoa. Sizes 16 to 47. On Sale, each.....**\$30.00**
Coats of pinpoint and duvetyne, exceedingly well trimmed and finished, with fur collars and cuffs of Alaska, sable, opossum and fitch; fully silk lined and in all popular shades. On Sale.....**\$35.00**
—Coats, 1st Floor**Better-Grade Fur-Trimmed Coats**

Coats of superior grade needlepoint, marvella, duvetyne, broadcloth, velvet and tweed mixtures, with fur trimmings of squirrel, fitch, fox, skunk, lynx, muskrat; all silk lined and shown in best shades. Sizes 16 to 46. Reduced prices from

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—Mantle Dept., 1st Floor**Our Stock of
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—Children's Wear, 1st Floor**Sale of All
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—Millinery, 1st Floor**Knitted Ensemble
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—Mantle Dept., 1st Floor**Navy and Black
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SKIRTS**

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and Suits****\$5.00, \$10.00 and
\$15.00**Coats in silk and wool mixture, trimmed with brushed wool; full length; mixtures and plain coats. On Sale for.....**\$5.00**White wool, full length coats, with novelty collars. Sizes 36 to 38. Also knitted suits with coats or pull-over styles; plain colors and mixtures. Sizes 16 to 40. On Sale for.....**\$10.00**Two-Piece Suits, coats or in pull-over style, of balbriggan; and fibre silk skirts, plain and pleated, plain shades and two-tone effect. Sizes 16 to 42. On Sale for.....**\$15.00**
—Mantle Dept., 1st Floor**A Midwinter Sale of
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—Men's Clothing, Main Floor**Midwinter Sale of Men's****Suits**

Four Big Bargain Groups—On Sale for

**\$10.00, \$11.75
\$18.50 and
\$23.50**Young Men's First Long Suits of rough tweeds, double-breasted models; lined with wool alpaca; sizes 32 to 36. On sale at, each.....**\$10.00**Men's Suits of Tweeds and Worsteds, in new shades, mixtures and weaves; double and single breasted; sizes 34 to 44. Values to \$22.50, for.....**\$11.75**Suits of fine tweeds and worsteds, double and single breasted; greys, browns, pin stripes and all new weaves and patterns. Remarkable values. Regular to \$30.00. On sale for.....**\$18.50**Men's Suits, well tailored from English worsteds and tweeds. Styles for young men and conservative dressers; blues, greys, herringbones, fancy stripes and plain worsteds. Regular prices to \$35.00. On sale for.....**\$23.50**
—Men's Clothing, Main Floor**Rayon and Broadcloth House
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—Whitewear, 1st Floor**Sale of Women's
Blouses**Broadcloth Over-Blouses, tailored styles with band or plain hem, tucked or plain fronts. Sizes 34 to 44.....**\$1.98**Delaine Over-Blouses in tailored style; have long sleeves, V neck or pointed collar. Floral design in a white ground. On Sale, each.....**\$2.98**Spin Silk Over-Blouses, slip-over styles with long or short sleeves, V neck or tie, plain hem at bottom. On Sale.....**\$3.98**
—Blouses, 1st Floor**Imported Pull-Overs
and Cardigans****\$3.98 and \$5.98**All-Wool Pull-Overs, smart styles with long sleeves and V neck. All-over patterns; check effect. On Sale, each, **\$3.98**All-Wool Cardigans in neat styles and colors with two pockets.....**\$5.98**Pull-Overs of Silk and Wool, plain with small collar and two pockets.....**\$5.98**
—Sweaters, 2nd Floor**Sale of Corsets and Brassieres**Girdles of strong pink coutil and heavy elastic, low bust and long hip, well boned. Finished with elastic abdominal support. On sale for.....**\$2.95**Back Hook Brassieres of pink cotton brocade, with elastic in waist line. On sale, each.....**39¢**Corsettes of strong pink cotton, lightly boned. Bargains at.....**\$1.00**Corset Belts of pink coutil, fastened in front; or of fancy cotton, lightly boned and fastened at side. On sale, each.....**\$1.00**
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